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TRANSPORTATION

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State Executive Chamber NYS Capitol Building Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing today to offer my support for increased investment into New York State's aging electric transmission network in order to ease congestion and meet growing demands.

The aging nature of New York's current electric transmission lines leaves them unable to deliver electricity to adequate capacity, creating transmission congestion that precludes the ability to meet demand levels in the lower Hudson Valley and New York City. Significant infrastructure investment into electrical grid improvements will help to ease chokepoints east of Utica and south of Albany. The needs of service providers and end consumers will be met, increasing utility and efficiency across the state.

Our country and our state are currently positioned on the cusp of economic recovery, job creation, and a higher quality for living for all. Infrastructure investment is a key component to this recovery, one your office has focused on through the New York Works Agenda. Infrastructure repairs on the electric transmission lines in upstate New York will increase the reliability of service delivery, sparking economic growth downstate, creating new jobs upstate, and protecting the current jobs in upstate New York.

Improved service delivery of electricity and the elimination of transmission congestion can only have positive effects for New York State. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in this matter moving forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy

New York State Senator, 58th District