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Hon. Andrew Cuomo  
Governor of New York  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol Building  
Albany, New York 12224-0431

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As the State legislators representing the Capital District region we want to add our voices to the many local civic and business leaders who respectfully request that you give priority consideration to funding for the development and construction of the New York State Convention Center/Albany as your administration's proposals for the State Economic Development strategy is formulated.

The Albany Convention Center will be a major economic engine for our Capital Region area eventually creating 2,000 permanent direct jobs as well as an additional 510 jobs in businesses that will service the center and affect businesses throughout the Capital Region.

When completed, the demand created by the New York State Convention Center/Albany, will generate some \$60 million in annual visitor spending and nearly \$4 million in local, county and state taxes per year while paying over \$2.9 million in salaries and wages.

Albany is the only Capital of a major state without a Convention Center facility. We therefore invite your favorable consideration of this vital project.

Sincerely,

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