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Re: Rescheduled hearing on the information revolution and state government.

Dear Assemblymembers Hevesi, Englebright and Latimer,

We write today to thank you for co-chairing the rescheduled Assembly hearing on "The implications of the information revolution for the state government." We understand that the hearing has been scheduled for early 2012, and we look forward to working with you to make it a big success.

We applaud the three of you, and the Assembly, for choosing to explore this important subject. The Purpose and the Selected Issues you published in the hearing notice are right on target. The incredibly rapid pace of technological innovation has created opportunities, and expectations, for New York State government that did not exist even a few years ago.

New Information Technology has vastly expanded the universe of people with easy access to government information, and to tools that allow them to easily communicate and interact with their government. It has also spawned principles and practices that are making government more open, accountable, responsive, collaborative --- and efficient.

We eagerly anticipated testifying at the hearing as originally scheduled on November 18, 2011. Naturally, we were disappointed that such an important hearing was postponed. However, whatever the reasons for the postponement, we look forward with enthusiasm to participating in the rescheduled hearing in January or February.

Thank you again for your efforts, we look to forward working with you and your staff to ensure the success of the upcoming hearing on New York State government and the information revolution.

Sincerely,

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