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**By Electronic Mail & U.S. Mail** Commissioners of the Moreland Commission To Investigate Public Corruption (distribution list) 90 Church Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10010

## Re: Ongoing Moreland Commission Investigations

Dear Commissioners:

I was disappointed to learn, as I am sure that many of you were, that the important and unfinished work of the Moreland Commission To Investigate Public Corruption (the "Commission") has come to a premature end. I informed the Commission Co-Chairs of this concern in a letter dated April 3, 2014, which I am attaching to this letter. I am pleased to inform you, however, that the Commission has decided to provide its investigative files and all relevant materials to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (the "SDNY").

To facilitate these efforts, Co-Chairs William Fitzpatrick and Milton Williams have directed that all documents relating to the work of the Moreland Commission be retained and have further arranged to provide the SDNY with all of the Moreland Commission's files and investigative work product. We ask that you too preserve all documents that may be under your control relating in any way to the work of the Moreland Commission, including materials received from third parties, work product, and electronic communications. As we review the Moreland Commission materials, we intend as appropriate to work closely with our law enforcement partners, including prosecutors at the federal, state, and local levels, to ensure that all relevant matters are handled appropriately and with dispatch.

Finally, I want to thank you for your dedicated work in furtherance of the Moreland Commission's stated goal of independently investigating public corruption in New York. Public corruption remains a serious and pervasive problem in New York, and you can be assured that the SDNY remains committed to fully investigating such cases, without fear or favor, and prosecuting corrupt officials and their enablers whenever the law and facts warrant.

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