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**Commission to Investigate
Public Corruption**

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United States Attorney Preet Bharara
Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York
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Dear United States Attorney Bharara,

We are writing in response to your letters of April 3 and April 9, 2014. Consistent with our subsequent discussions, this letter effectuates the referral of ongoing investigations and related documents to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

As you know, on July 2, 2013, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 106, which created the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption ("Commission") for the purpose of investigating the enforcement and sufficiency of laws, regulations, and procedures involving New York's elections, financing of campaigns, and ethics. Pursuant to its authority under the Executive Order and New York law, the Commission investigated numerous matters and in the process collected a large volume of information in the course of its investigations.

Paragraph 6 of Executive Order 106 states:

If in the course of its inquiry the Commission obtains evidence of a violation of existing laws, such evidence shall promptly be communicated to the Office of the Attorney General and other appropriate law enforcement authorities, and the Commission shall take steps to facilitate jurisdictional referral where appropriate. . . . The Commission shall cooperate with prosecutorial agencies to avoid jeopardizing ongoing investigations and prosecutions.

Pursuant to this language, several referrals have already been made to federal and state prosecutors.

As you know, the Commission's work will not continue through to January 1, 2015, as contemplated by the Executive Order; instead, the Commission expects to imminently close its

operations. And as you stated in your letter of April 3, your Office is conducting investigations that may “overlap considerably” with the Commission’s, and the information collected by the Commission “almost certainly bear[s] directly on these ongoing investigations.”

As the co-chairpersons of the Commission, we have decided that referrals to law enforcement shall be made only upon unanimous vote of the co-chairs. In light of the facts discussed above, and consistent with the Executive Order, we have agreed to provide your office with copies of all documents in the Commission’s control relating to the Commission’s ongoing investigative work.

We are very pleased that your office will continue the valuable work that the Commission started. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

William Fitzpatrick /s/

William Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson
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