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Hon. Charles D. Lavine New York State Assembly Chairman, Judiciary Committee Legislative Office Building, Room 831 Albany, NY 12248

Dear Chairman Lavine:

By this letter and pursuant to Assembly Rule I, §1 (c) (11), I request that you, Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, lead the Committee in an impeachment investigation of the Governor of the State of New York. Your charge is to determine whether evidence exists to support a finding that the Governor has engaged in "misconduct or malversation in office" which merits impeachment under the New York State Constitution and the New York State Judiciary Law, and to do so efficiently, fairly and with due process afforded to those involved.

Your investigation should examine all credible allegations, including but not limited to, allegations that: the Governor used his office to sexually harass or assault women who were his employees; directed his staff to unlawfully withhold or misrepresent information that was required to be reported to the State Legislature or other governmental entities regarding the effects of COVID-19 on populations of New Yorkers; directed, or had knowledge of, executive personnel or others withholding information regarding safety concerns about New York State bridges; or directed, or had knowledge of, executive personnel or others attempting to suppress or obstruct related investigations.

You are authorized to consult with other investigators in order to carefully but expeditiously determine the credible evidence that is available.

Thank you for your willingness to undertake this important and challenging task.

Very truly yours,

Carl E. Heastie

Speaker