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Dear Legislative Leaders:

Legislation passed on March 3 added “disease outbreak” to the list of circumstances under which the governor assumed expanded authorities during a declared state of emergency. As you know, those emergency powers were always intended to be temporary.

The COVID-19 virus continues to retreat – infections, hospitalizations, and fatalities have been in steady decline for weeks, with numbers falling below levels that were seen during the early days of the emergency declaration. All regions of New York have started phased re-openings. Slowly but surely, restrictions are being lifted and our constituents can finally experience some level of normalcy to their daily lives.

With that in mind, the time has come for state government to return to its normal operations. New York State simply does not require additional time under one-person rule.

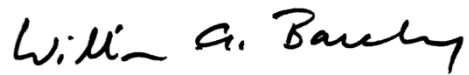
The Assembly Minority Conference is calling for both houses of the Legislature to reconvene and pass a concurrent resolution ending the governor’s emergency authorities under Executive Order Numbers 202 - 202.42 and restoring New York State government to its proper form of representative democracy.

This is not a politically driven issue, yet one that demands our immediate attention. Members of both parties have supported measures to curtail the Executive’s powers. Taking the necessary step of passing a concurrent resolution acknowledges that we are moving out of the COVID-19 emergency, and it

restores the basic principle that all branches of government should contribute to decisions impacting 19.5 million New Yorkers.

As elected representatives and a co-equal branch of government, the Legislature has the right and responsibility to act. Our conference and constituents believe that action on this matter must come sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,



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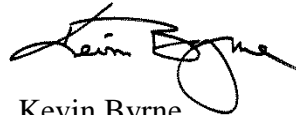
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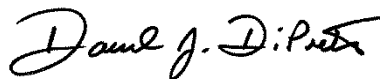
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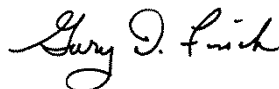
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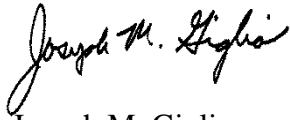
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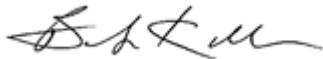
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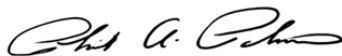
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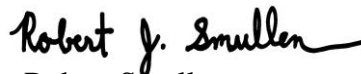
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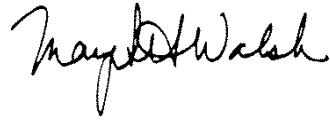
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