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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We applaud your continued focus on rebuilding the Upstate New York economy. In particular, your efforts to position our state as a leader in nanotechnology research and development will have a lasting impact on the economic health of our State. With that outlook in mind, we strongly encourage you to continue and enhance the State's support for the Science Technology and Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP) project, an initiative that could lead to thousands of new, high paying jobs in the Finger Lakes and Western New York regions.

STAMP is a 1,243 acre site in Genesee County, conceived to attract the next generation of nanotechnology companies (semiconductor and solar) to New York State. The project remains a priority project for the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council, and has also received the support of various Western New York regional stakeholders. It is in close proximity to critical transportation and industrial infrastructure, and has access to low-cost hydroelectric power, making it a very cost-competitive location for a project of this scale and magnitude. In recognition of the thousands of construction jobs this project would create, STAMP has earned the enthusiastic support of our friends in the building trades, at both the regional and statewide levels.

At present, the STAMP project finds itself at a crucial juncture. To date, the project has received \$9 million in State support to purchase core property. These prior investments have kept STAMP on the radar of national and international nanotechnology site selectors. However, additional state support in the amount of \$33 million is now necessary for the build-out of the site's infrastructure. Such an investment would demonstrate New York State's commitment to develop the site and will work to attract an anchor mega-project (approximately 1 million square feet), similar to that which is occurring in the Luther Forest Technology Campus in Saratoga County.

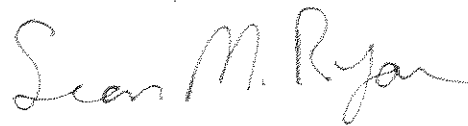
We have long embraced Upstate New York's potential to transform itself from a manufacturing-based economy to one that is driven by innovation and knowledge. We know you share this vision and commend you for your forward-thinking investments that are positioning New York to once again lead the way in economic growth for our nation. STAMP can indeed be transformational for New York. A significant investment from New York would get us much closer to building high-tech corridor spanning all of Upstate New York, sparking substantial, long-term economic growth for New York State.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. As always, if you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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CC: Andrew Kennedy, Executive Chamber