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Senator Charles Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S.1802 (H.R. 4216)

Dear Senator Schumer,

As you know, every job in New York State is precious and many families here depend on construction jobs associated with large scale projects financed by bonds. The price of using bonds is going up, which will squeeze jobs out of each project, and I think you can help.

Since the 1970s, the widespread use of money market funds by institutional investors has been possible with a stable \$1 per share net asset value (NAV), which provides accounting cost benefits for both fund companies and short-term cash management investors. These money market funds buy the majority of tax-exempt bonds issued by governmental entities.

As you may know, The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is issued a rule to require money market funds to abandon the stable \$1 NAV. This has serious negative, if unintended, consequences for local governments and nonprofit entities—that issue tax-exempt bonds. It is already driving money market funds (MMFs) out of the bond market that fund projects across New York. Fewer buyers means we have to offer higher rates, increasing the cost of the bonds and diverting money from our projects and to Wall Street. There seems to be a bipartisan legislative remedy making its way through Congress.

Please consider supporting S.1802 (H.R. 4216), the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act, which will not only preserve access to capital from money market funds, but keep the costs down so more of our money is put to work to improve public infrastructure, and projects being undertaken across the State. Please ask your staff to reach out to me directly with any questions and to inform me of your decision one way or the other.

Sincerely,

Richard C. David
Mayor