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Hon. Charles Schumer
United States Senate
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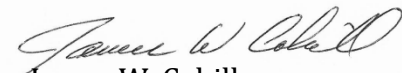
Dear Senator Schumer,

On behalf of New York State's 220,000 unionized construction workers, I'm asking that you please support S.1802 – H.R.4216. This bill will counter the negative effect of the SEC's rule which requires money market funds to transition away from a stable net asset value (NAV) of one dollar per share to a floating NAV, making them less attractive to investors.

Money market funds are the largest buyers of the tax-exempt bonds used by local governments to fund projects, but the lack of stability created by the new rule undercuts the administrative and accounting cost benefits associated with them. As investors lose interest in money market funds, the cost of issuing debt will rise meaning fewer projects for construction workers. S.1802 – H.R.4216 will remedy this situation by allowing any open-end investment company to operate as a stable NAV money market fund so long as it adheres to certain requirements and restrictions. This solution will preserve access to capital from money market funds and keep costs down so that public infrastructure projects aren't jeopardized.

As always, thank you for being such a strong voice for all New Yorkers, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


James W. Cahill
President