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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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Dear Attorney General Cuomo:

Thank you for your timely and thorough Report on the status of your investigation with respect to whether there has been political interference with the New York Division of State Police.

I am relieved that you have found no substantive evidence that the rank and file of the State Police violated the public interest, just as I am concerned that you have identified troubling politicization of certain actions and decisions that occurred at the highest levels of the State Police.

I accept and am pleased with the recommendations of the Report. With respect to your thoughtful recommendation that the Director of Homeland Security be a law enforcement professional, I note only that any Governor must preserve his or her prerogative on all gubernatorial appointments.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the process of the investigation and please keep me advised if you make additional findings of interest as the balance of your investigation proceeds.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

David A. Paterson

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Governor