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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Memorializing in Support of the Upstate New York Congressional Caucus

Honorable Legislators:

We commend the recent formation of a bipartisan Upstate New York Congressional Caucus in the United State House of Representatives. Convened by United States Congresswoman and Chair of the House Rules Committee, Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport, NY-28), this collaboration will address the important issues facing our region.

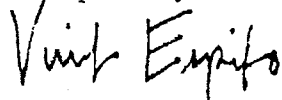
The eleven-member Caucus, consisting of nine Democrats and two Republicans, will focus their attention on job creation and economic growth to reverse the economic and population declines we have witnessed over the past few decades. The caucus will advocate for infrastructure and transportation improvements, explore opportunities for alternative energy sources, including geothermal, and promote our tourism industry.

We support their efforts to secure investments in our region as part of the federal stimulus package currently being negotiated in Washington. In particular, we encourage preliminary funding of high-speed rail service as part of the stimulus bill or the transportation reauthorization bill to be passed later this year. We believe high-speed rail service through the upstate corridor can be a vital conduit for joining our region and revitalizing our local economies.

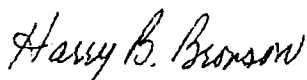
The economic challenges facing Upstate New York communities are unique to the region, and overcoming them will require a sustained, coordinated and dedicated effort by our government representatives.

Therefore, we urge you to join us in stating our strong support for the Upstate New York Congressional Caucus, a subcommittee of the New York State Congressional Caucus.

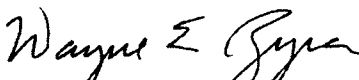
Respectfully submitted,



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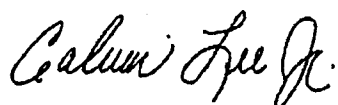
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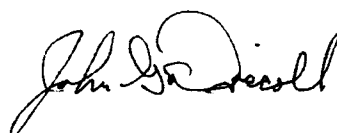
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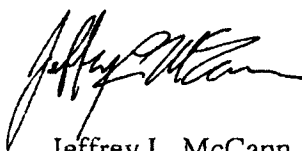
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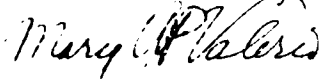
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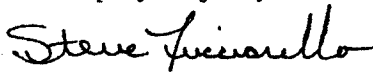
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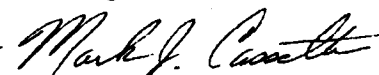
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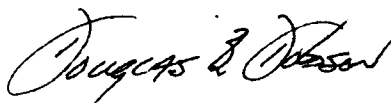
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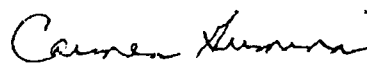
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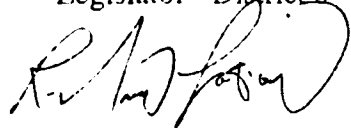
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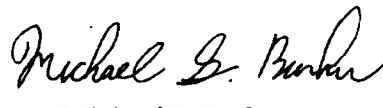
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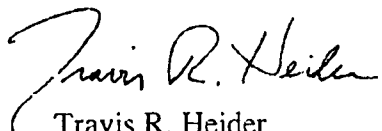
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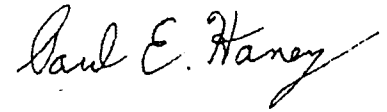
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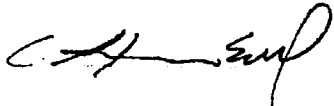
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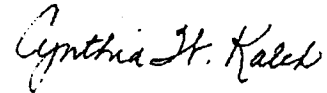
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