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

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As a newly-elected Assemblyman representing Niagara County, one of my major concerns is that, due to the current composition of the New York Power Authority Board of Trustees, our county has limited control over the regulation of its local power costs. To address this issue and give Western New York more control over its energy future, I urge you to appoint a Niagara County resident to NYPA's seven-member board when filling one of the two vacancies.

Currently there are no advocates on the NYPA board from Western New York. This lack of representation is especially worrisome considering that Niagara County has one of the largest electric-producing plants in New York. A local advocate's understanding of local issues would ensure greater utilization of the region's natural resources while helping to create common sense solutions that provide better planning for our long-term energy needs.

A board member from Western New York will also be an advocate regarding local power costs, working to mitigate the cost of power to the region. Low cost power will help attract businesses and encourage the creation of jobs vital to Western New York's economic revitalization.

In the Assembly my colleagues and I are working diligently to pass legislation that fosters job creation by utilizing our power-producing resources.

I do hope you will correct the inequitable representation on New York Power Authority Board through the appointment of a Niagara County resident as a trustee. I look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this important issue.

Sincerely,

John D. Ceretto  
Member of the Assembly  
138<sup>th</sup> District (Niagara County)