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Dear Friends:

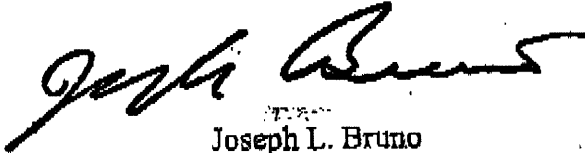
It is a pleasure to extend my greetings to you, as you gather at the third annual New York State Investors Conference.

This conference offers a chance to reflect on the role that each of you occupy within our state. The New York State Investors Conference is sure to play an active role in the legislative process, serving as an informed voice on numerous investment opportunities in New York State.

New York State is home to some of the most successful companies in the world. This conference is an excellent outlet to learn about the many investment opportunities throughout the state, as well as learn from the success stories of one another.

I look forward to working together to ensure that the New York State economy continues to grow and offer opportunities to our communities.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Bruno