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Hon. David Paterson
Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Public Authorities legislation

Dear Governor Paterson:

On behalf of the Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella organization for more than 110 community and neighborhood based groups representing tenants, co-op and condo owners and homeowners living in every part of Queens, we write to to express support for legislation awaiting your signature into law to introduce much needed oversight and sunlight into the administration of public authorities that operate in New York State. Reports that you and Mayor Bloomberg gang up on sound and necessary efforts to reform the state authorities and bring some transparency and accountability to the MTA, the NYC Industrial Development Agency, the State Dormitory Authority, the New York State Thruway Authority, the New York City Economic Development Corporation and other agencies that borrow and spend billions, sell assets and pretty much operate under the public radar.

These quasi-independent agencies continue to operate – and have done so for decades – free of any meaningful oversight from elected officials or the legislature.

The Mayor's expressed concern that regulation would slow down projects like Atlantic Yards, which the MTA made possible by selling development rights to public property far below market value, actually demonstrates the need for this important and much-required reform.

The question Queens Civic Congress and many concerned New Yorkers pose to you as our Governor and the Mayor remains: "What's wrong with public oversight? – and what's wrong with public authorities obtaining fair value for the sale of public property? Absolutely no reason exists for you to do anything but embrace and sign what began during your service as Lt. Governor as a Governor's signature reform measure – and good government demands that you sign it into law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Corey Bearak
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Executive Vice President

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