Hon. Andrew Cuomo Governor of New York State Executive Chamber State Capitol Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to urge you to take a leadership role in assuring passage of the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), which provides fundamental protections to those seeking or providing abortions, as well as the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act (CCCA) in the current legislative session. As you know, the RHA and CCCA have passed the Assembly in each of the last three legislative sessions, but have never gotten out of their respective committees in the New York State Senate. I believe your leadership is essential to persuade Senator Flanagan and his Republican colleagues to bring these bills to a vote by the full Senate.

Most importantly, I urge you to set an early date for the Special Elections for the two vacant Senate seats. Filling those seats will greatly enhance the chances that the RHA and CCCA will be approved.

With Republican domination of Congress and a President intent on making US Supreme Court appointments to overturn the Court's 1973 Roe vs Wade decision while also taking regulatory measures to undermine and restrict abortion and contraception, it is more urgent than ever that New York State codify essential reproductive rights and protections.

Please let me know what steps you are taking to secure passage of the RHA and CCCA.

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Sincerely yours,