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Mr.

Dear

September 11th represents one of the darkest days in human history. But there's no wound so deep that the prayers of loving people can't heal it.

Five months later, New York is recovering, rebuilding, rebounding and rejuvenating.

Thanks to the help we received from every corner of our country including Virginia, New York's spirit is back.

There's a feeling of optimism in the air, a determined spirit that we can build a future that is brighter than ever.

For nearly eight years, I've had the honor of leading the state I love into the exciting future. The foundation we laid with low taxes, vibrant business growth and substantial emergency reserves helped us withstand the economic results of that cowardly attack.

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As we recover from September 11th . . .
And look to the future with hope . . .
We have a decision to make about New York's direction.

Jed, it would be a mistake to return to the failed policies of the past that brought New York sky-high taxes, jam-packed welfare rolls, crime-ridden streets and deep and dangerous deficits.

If New York had had a \$5 billion deficit (as it did when I took office in 1995) . . .

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Instead of seven years of sound fiscal policy (as it did on 9/11) . . .

New York's recovery would be longer and more painful.

There's a failed political philosophy called "Cuomonomics."

Over, please . . .

As practiced by my predecessor, it's characterized by soaring liberal oratory, fast and furious spending, deep and dangerous deficits and a firm belief that Big Government will solve all our problems.

Yet, when I was elected in 1994, I inherited a government in which one out of eleven New Yorkers was on welfare, dangerous crime reached alarming levels, taxes were among the highest in the nation and business growth had been stopped dead in its tracks.

As we prepare for the all-important elections ahead, I'm asking New Yorkers why on earth we'd want to go back to the failed policies of the past?

"Cuomonomics" was given a chance and it failed every test it ever took. Our proven policies of low taxes, frugal spending, disciplined budgeting and pro-business growth have turned this state around.

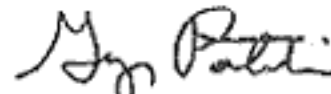
I'm determined to forge ahead with the proven policies that work and I'm respectfully asking for your strong support to help me tell my story and spread my message.

Here at the start of this election year,
I would be deeply touched and honored to have your help.

There's a postage-paid envelope to return your heartfelt campaign contribution to our headquarters. I'll certainly be grateful for your loyal and enthusiastic help.

Let me hear back from you today.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. We turned crisis into comeback once before. Now is the wrong time to go back to the failed policies of the past. Our circumstances demand that we continue to fight for the responsible fiscal policies we have put in place. Together, we can ensure that we turn crisis into comeback once again.