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December 5, 2019

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

RE: New York Businesses Support a Strong Transportation and Climate Initiative Plan

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As members and supporters of E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs), we write in strong support of your leadership of the Transportation and Climate Initiative discussions to develop a policy that invests in clean and modern transportation solutions in New York State and across the region.

E2 is a national, nonpartisan group of business leaders, investors, and professionals from every sector of the economy who advocate for smart policies that are good for the economy and good for the environment. Our members have founded or funded more than 2,500 companies, created more than 600,000 jobs, and manage more than \$100 billion in venture and private equity capital.

Our transportation system, including the roads, bridges, railways, ports, airports, bike paths, sidewalks, and waterways that cross our state, is one of New York's greatest assets. As business leaders, we rely on this system in innumerable ways—from accessing markets and reaching customers to providing the means for ourselves and our employees to get to work. Without the transportation system, New York's economy could not function.

Unfortunately, this system is increasingly strained due to outdated infrastructure and our state's growing needs. Traffic congestion acts as a literal brake on economic activity for businesses both large and small, while gaps in our public transit systems reduce the workforce and leave too many communities behind. We also recognize the critical need to not simply rebuild but to transform our current transportation system, with motor vehicles now contributing more climate pollution in New York State and nationwide than any other source.

For these reasons, we support New York's engagement in and leadership of the regional Transportation and Climate Initiative dialogue. Together with our neighboring states, New York has an opportunity to invest in transportation solutions that benefit all New Yorkers. The proposed Transportation and Climate Initiative plan would rely on proven market-based strategies to set our state on the path to clean transportation.[1] In doing so, the plan would generate critical resources for investments in electric buses and expanded public transit routes in urban, suburban, and rural areas; commercial districts, neighborhoods, and town centers with safe, walkable and bikeable streets that improve access and livability; investments in clean vehicles that cut pollution and save families and businesses money; and many other solutions.

We are at a crossroads on New York's transportation. We can continue to put band-aids on fundamental problems, or we can seek transformative solutions that ensure New Yorkers have the innovative, modern, and clean transportation system we need for our economy and our

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everyday lives. Businesses strongly support your leadership in the Transportation and Climate Initiative and we urge you to finalize the bold and ambitious transportation plan we need.

Sincerely,

The following E2 members and supporters have electronically signed the letter:

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[1] Transportation and Climate Initiative (2019), Framework for a Draft Regional Policy Proposal,
https://www.transportationandclimate.org/sites/default/files/TCI-Framework_10-01-2019.pdf.