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Howard Zemsky  
President and CEO of Empire State Development  
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RE: Save the New York Wheel

Dear Mr. Zemsky,

On behalf of the Members of the New York Building Congress, I am writing to express my support for the New York Wheel and desire for it to be completed. The New York Building Congress is a membership coalition composed of more than 550 constituent organizations in the design, construction and real estate industry, employing over 250,000 tradespeople and professionals in the New York region.

The New York Wheel will increase tourism to Staten Island, open up the St. George waterfront for public access, and create 500 full time jobs, many of which will be 32BJ affiliated. Along with the Empire Outlets and the Staten Island Yankees, the New York Wheel will create a comprehensive waterfront district for New York City and the entire region.

Given the express need, we urge your office to step in to assist in the completion of this project. The New York Wheel is providing a key community benefit to the St. George Waterfront. With New York City's recent decision to reject the Wheel's developer's request for assistance, we are very concerned about the future of the development, which we have supported over the past six years.

The Governor's vision for the state has helped New York compete on an international level with advanced public infrastructure and large-scale projects. This New York Wheel project was conceived in that same spirit and will expand access to the New York Harbor in a way that has never been done before.

Very Truly Yours,

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President and CEO  
New York Building Congress