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

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am pleased to transmit to you the *Assessment of the Potential Impact of Regulated Marijuana in New York State*. The impact assessment involved a public health approach to examining the benefits and risks associated with establishing a regulated marijuana program in New York State. In developing this assessment, a thorough review was conducted with input from state agencies in the areas of health, criminal justice and public safety, economics, and education.

Upon your review of the report, please contact me if questions should arise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.  
Commissioner of Health