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Senator Jordan advocates for the reopening of bowling centers

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Senator Daphne Jordan recently sent a letter (attached with this post) to Governor Cuomo advocating for the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) to develop a plan for the immediate reopening of bowling centers throughout the State of New York. Bowling centers are important for recreation, easily reconfigurable for social distancing, and can abide by indoor occupancy parameters just as easily as restaurants or other businesses which are now open. Much like other “Low-Risk Indoor Arts & Entertainment” venues included for reopening in Phase Four, bowling centers are unlikely to have large, close-quarter crowds

which could pose a risk to public health.

Many bowling centers are small businesses operating on small margins of profitability. Those who own and operate bowling centers, like other business owners, are more than willing to make accommodations to ensure that their businesses open in a safe, responsible way, as noted in Senator Jordan's letter to the Governor.