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SENATE REPUBLICANS URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY GOVERNOR & HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS BABY FORMULA SHORTAGE

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ALBANY, NY – New York State Senators Sue Serino, Daphne Jordan and Mike Martucci today penned a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul and New York State Health Commissioner Mary T. Bassett urging immediate action and the full power of the state to address **widespread baby formula shortages** harming families all across New York and the entire country.

“No parent should have to live in fear of not being able to find the formula they need to feed their babies. This shortage and the inaction we have seen surrounding it, is absolutely unacceptable and it will take committed partners at every level to boost production. New York State must do all that it can to immediately clear any barriers to access, streamline the supply chain, and get healthy, affordable formula into the hands of families who need it,” said Senator Sue Serino.

“No mother or father should ever worry about whether or not they can feed their infant child. In recent weeks, I have heard from countless families in my district about empty store and pharmacy shelves where baby formula should be – and parents with nowhere left to turn. New Yorkers are fed up. It’s time for Albany to unleash the full strength of our state

government to address the crisis. The time to act is now,” said Senator Daphne Jordan.

“As the father to three young kids, I can’t even imagine the stress and concern parents are feeling due to this formula shortage. The Democrats in this state have rushed to solve false crises in the past – this is a real crisis. Working families aren’t able to get formula for their babies. We should leave no stone unturned in order to solve this problem and use the full power of state government to help those who are struggling. There is no time to waste and I’m ready to do whatever it takes,” said Senator Mike Martucci.

A copy of the letter is attached.

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