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SENATOR MARK WALCZYK
49TH SENATE DISTRICT

February 22nd, 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul
NYS Capitol Building
Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you regarding the need for the restoration of funding in the budget for the American Legions Boy's State program. The program has routinely received a \$200,000 appropriation before its elimination in this year's budget proposal.

Boy's State is a weeklong summer program for high school youth held at the SUNY Morrisville campus. The program emphasizes citizenship and leadership training. It teaches the participants the importance of integrity and service. Furthermore, it emphasizes the role the individual plays in the success of government. The boys take part in practical learning activities, lessons on New York State government, guest speaker presentations, and physical fitness training led by US Marines.

The training and values emphasized by the Boy's State program are extremely valuable for giving the next generation the chance to learn about civic duty. By restoring this \$200,000 budget appropriation, we can ensure boys across the state continue to take part in this valuable experience.

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and hope the restoration of the funding for the American Legion Boy's State Program is included in your 30-day Budget Amendments. Should you need additional information, please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,

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Mark Walczyk
Senator
New York SD-53

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Joe Griffo
Senator
New York SD-49

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Ashby'.

Jake Ashby
Senator
New York SD-43