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Mr. Bernardo Hees, Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. Hees:

As we are sure you can understand, we were absolutely stunned to see the recent news report in *Crain's Chicago Business* indicating that Kraft Heinz is considering the closure of three plants in upstate New York, one of which, your facility in Campbell (Steuben County), is within our respective New York State Senate and Assembly Districts.

The report has sent shockwaves through many communities we represent, where Kraft's Campbell facility has long stood as a loyal and steadfast employer in a region where the economy has otherwise been devastated. Consequently, we are requesting the opportunity to speak directly with you to explore what steps we may be able to help facilitate in order to save this vitally important food processing plant from closure.

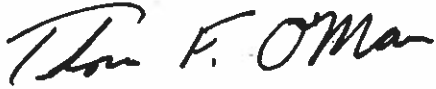
The Campbell facility employs nearly 400 workers who support their families and thereby contribute to our communities in countless ways in support of our farms, our schools, our small businesses and so many other economic and societal cornerstones. Just last year, the plant underwent \$16 million in capital improvements to upgrade the facility. The loss of these jobs and the significant investment made here will be devastating not only to the hundreds of families directly impacted, but also to the surrounding local economies and dairy farmers who supply the facility with 35 shipments a day.

As the New York State representatives for this plant, it is vitally important and urgent that we discuss this matter and work together to identify possible alternatives which will not have such an acute impact on one single region, especially with the reports that two other plants in upstate New York are also slated for closure.


We will look forward to hearing from you to personally to discuss the future viability of

the Campbell facility. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us directly at: Senator Tom O'Mara (607-735-9671) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (607-776-9691). It would be our great pleasure to have this opportunity.

Sincerely,



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