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Dear Chairwomen and Chairmen:

Happy New Year to you. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season!

It is hard to believe that it has been over 31-years since I was elected Attorney General. I was honored and humbled that the people of our great State elected me and Governor George Pataki in November of 1994. I was the first Republican to be elected Attorney General since the early 1970s. I was also the first Western New Yorker to be elected to that great office in over 75 years. Despite the passage of time, I still vividly recall the important role that Republican Chairmen and Chairwomen played in, first, my nomination to the statewide ballot, and then in the general election.

As you already know, 2026 presents us with a great opportunity to change the direction of New York, to ensure that our kids and grandchildren can live and prosper in a state that offers real economic opportunities, free of burdensome taxes and regulations. But in order for our families to enjoy economic opportunities, they first must be free to live in safe communities. In 1994, the level of violence and crime in New York was through the roof. In that regard, 2026 is similar. Unfortunately, the liberal Democrats in Albany have decided that protecting criminals is more important than protecting law-abiding citizens and crime victims. Simply put, the Democrats soft-on-crime measures are designed to coddle the criminal while making our communities less safe.

As party leaders, we have the opportunity this year to offer the people of this great state a choice and a reprieve from these dangerous liberal policies. In 1994, my candidacy was grounded in my 15-years as an Assistant District Attorney and as the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York. We won that race because New Yorkers wanted a career prosecutor who knew how to deal with violent crime and to protect victims to be Attorney General, which is why I am writing to ask you to consider the credentials of my friend, Saritha Komatireddy, and to support her nomination to be our Party's candidate for Attorney General at the Convention in February.

Saritha is a respected former prosecutor, national security expert, and public servant, with a career devoted to upholding the rule of law and protecting Americans. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, Saritha served as a judicial law clerk for conservative Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. For over 12-years thereafter, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Department of Justice, locking up members of Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Mexican drug cartels, and even the scammer who defrauded several New York professional hockey legends. And while there is no formal ranking of "top prosecutor" at the Department of Justice, Saritha earned three Attorney General's Awards, two Prosecutor of The Year Awards, and two True American Hero Awards, which is unprecedented. She also served as Chief of Staff at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

In recognition of her accomplishments and superior resume, President Trump nominated Saritha to be a U.S. District Judge.

Despite working as an apolitical prosecutor for much of her career, she shares with us strong Republican values, especially regarding the role of the Attorney General. Her campaign for Attorney General will be focused on the safety of New Yorkers, rooting out corruption and fraud in our state government, and shaking up the broken status quo in Albany. I could not be more enthusiastic about her candidacy.

As Attorney General I had the privilege to argue a case before the United States Supreme Court, winning 9-0. Since then, we have not had an AG who had the proficiency and moral courage to make community safety their number one priority by standing up to hardened criminals and putting them behind bars. Just as the voters in New York were ready for a career prosecutor in 1994, I believe it's time for us to nominate Saritha Komatireddy, a career prosecutor, for Attorney General in 2026.

If we are serious minded about defeating Letitia James in November, Saritha offers our Party the best chance to win, and I urge you to join me in supporting her at the Convention in February.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this important decision. All the best.

Sincerely,



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