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New York State Assembly
New York State Capitol
State Street and Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12224

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Dear Assemblymembers and Senators,

Greetings from Puerto Rico. Since 2015 we've worked with many of you and our US partners at Jubilee USA Network on debt relief and disaster relief for our island.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support and partnership and urge you to swiftly take two actions:

1.) Please co-sponsor the Assembly A2970 or Senate S4747 of the critically important, New York Taxpayer and International Debt Crises Protection Act, championed by Assemblymember Patricia Fahy and Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal. Since the beginning of our crisis in Puerto Rico we have supported solutions for all people of our world to live in dignity and with enough. We favor this legislation because it will be positive for our brothers and sisters across the Caribbean, Latin America and Asia. As you know, Christian Churches have advocated debt relief with Jubilee USA since 1997. While this legislation won't offer additional debt relief for Puerto Rico, the legislation will have a positive effect for inflation, food costs, and economic and supply shocks in Puerto Rico.

2.) As legislators, we need you to take the next step and work with us and US partners at Jubilee USA and New York religious bodies to move forward specific legislation for Puerto Rico. The Fahy and Hoylman-Sigal legislation is the most innovative, practical, effective and

comprehensive legislation introduced in New York to date on global debt relief and efforts to stop economic shocks in New York and Puerto Rico. We request that a process begin where you work with us to create similar legislation that focuses on "treatment" of creditors for our island home. Puerto Rico will need these "treatment" protections to stop future predatory behavior and help resolve continuing debt problems.

You are in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for your public service.

Fraternally,

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Metropolitan Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Juan de Puerto Rico

Most Reverend Idalia Negrón Caamaño

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Reverend Esteban González Dobles
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