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Dear New York electeds,

New York and the entire United States are facing a threat greater than any posed by a foreign enemy in our country's history.

Already, Trump administration policies have hurt New York State's vital agricultural sector, the environment, the arts, scientific and medical research, small businesses, health care, and prospects for our economic future. They've impacted virtually everyone: farmers, veterans, scientists, teachers, students, investors, developers, government workers, and the sick, poor, and elderly. They've destabilized financial markets, undermined the rule of law, eroded democracy and fair elections, and put fear in the hearts of immigrants and everyone who believes in the American dream.

We believe that state legislatures may be an important – perhaps crucial – counter to Trump's corruption and destruction and we call on New York legislators to use their investigative and statutory powers to do so. A few legislatures have taken steps to stop federal encroachment on the lives of their citizens. But that doesn't appear to be the case in New York.

We understand that investigations of this kind are virtually unprecedented, and that federal officials are unlikely to respond to the legislature's subpoenas. But we believe that New York's people and institutions are compelled to respond to subpoenas and can testify on the consequences of Trump policies. This information can then be used in legal, legislative, and media efforts to resist the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle our democracy.

We know you share our feeling that the Trump administration poses an existential threat to our city, state, and country. We would be happy to work with you to develop ideas on legislative action, and urge you and your colleagues in both parties to do your utmost to resist the administration's attacks on our freedom, prosperity, and personal lives.

Yours truly,

Village Independent Democrats