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The Honorable Kathy Hochul Governor of New York State NYS State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you today to strongly urge Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, located in the town of Yorktown, to be approved as a regional testing site for COVID-19.

Our local healthcare system and regional hospitals are under extreme stress as testing demand remains at an all-time high. Patients are traveling from as far as Long Island in a desperate attempt to get a test at our local urgent care centers. The strain has caused our local police department to assist with crowd control at times.

As the local elected officials for the Town of Yorktown we believe Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park is a perfect location for a regional testing site. It provides direct access off of the Taconic Parkway allowing it to service residents from multiple regions and counties. The layout and size of the park will accommodate a high volume of cars without impacting our local roads.

We thank State Senator Pete Harckham for his advocacy on this issue and our local government continues to coordinate with Westchester County Executive George Latimer's administration to provide the logistical solutions to an operation of this magnitude.

By working together we are confident we can provide an accessible essential service that will prove invaluable to our local healthcare system and regional hospitals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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