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I WAS DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT LEW RUDIN'S INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE ASSOCIATION FOR A BETTER NEW YORK --- BECAUSE I THINK THAT A BETTER NEW YORK INCLUDES A BETTER NEW JERSEY, AND VICE VERSA.

THIS GIVES ME A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT SHARED PROBLEMS AND SHARED HOPES FOR THIS METROPOLITAN REGION WHICH BINDS YOUR GREAT CITY AND THE ENTIRE NORTHERN TIER OF MY STATE.

THE FACT IS THAT OUR STATES SHARE ONE OF THE GREATEST METROPOLITAN REGIONS OF THE WORLD. DESPITE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR TWO STATES AND THE PREROGATIVES OF HOME RULE, WE ARE ECONOMICALLY INTERDEPENDENT. THE METROPOLITAN ECONOMY THUMBS ITS NOSE AT THE POLITICAL JURISDICTION WHICH WE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS SOMETIMES GUARD SO JEALOUSLY.

A FEW YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A FASHIONABLE GAME FOR SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULA IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. IT WAS CALLED "MAN IN MEGALOPOLIS," AND IT FEATURED A SPRAWLING AREA CALLED BOSNYWASH. BOSNYWASH IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT TODAY.

WE FORM THE CENTER OF A GREAT ECONOMIC BELT WHICH STRETCHES FROM BOSTON TO WASHINGTON. NEW YORK IS THE "KNEE" IN "BOSNYWASH" --- AND THE KNEEBONE UNDENIABLY CONNECTS TO NEW JERSEY. THE BACKBONE OF OUR METROPOLITAN ECONOMY IS THAT UNIQUE, MIRACULOUS, UNACCOUNTABLE PHENOMENON THAT NO OTHER METROPOLITAN REGION IN THE WORLD CAN MATCH: MANHATTAN.

MANHATTAN IS THE CORE AND DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE ECONOMIES OF THREE STATES: NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, AND NEW JERSEY. IT HOUSES FORCES WHICH RUN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, AND WHICH INFLUENCE THE WORLD.

NEW JERSEY IS ONLY A HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP AWAY FROM THOSE FORCES. THE SAME FREE MARKET WHICH DRIVES MANHATTAN ALSO MAKES OUR WATERFRONT'S LOCATION ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE IN THE WORLD.

NOW, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO SEE A CHECKPOINT CHARLIE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE --- OR A CHECKPOINT ED OR GERRY, FOR THAT MATTER! THE ECONOMIC TIES THAT BIND US ARE MUCH STRONGER AND

HEALTHIER THAN THE TUGS OF WAR THAT PERIODICALLY ARISE ON ONE SIDE OF THE HUDSON OR THE OTHER.

POLITICALLY, MANHATTAN IS PART OF NEW YORK. IN EVERY OTHER WAY, IT IS THE VERY CENTER OF THE NORTHEAST. IT IS A TREMENDOUS ASSET, WHICH FOSTERS STRENGTH, ELECTRICITY, ENERGY AND A PACE UNLIKE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. THESE SAME QUALITIES GIVE IT AN UNPREDICTABLE LIFE OF ITS OWN.

ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO, HELEN HAYES SAID: "THE GREAT CHARM OF NEW YORK IS THAT IT'S STILL UNPREDICTABLE. ANY SIDEWALK MIGHT LEAD US TO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED, SOMETHING THAT COULD EXIST NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD."

UNLIKE OTHER CITIES, IT SEEMS TO BE IMPERVIOUS TO PLANNING. MANHATTAN CONSTANTLY REVITALIZES ITSELF --- CONSTANTLY CHANGES. IN THE PROCESS, IT PERIODICALLY SHUCKS OFF ITS OLD GARMENTS AND REAPPEARS IN THE LATEST URBAN FASHION.

AS ONE COUNTERMAN AT A PENN STATION RESTAURANT PUT IT, " THIS CITY HAS THE RIGHT NAME --- NEW YORK. NOTHING EVER GETS OLD AROUND HERE."

WHO WOULD EVER THOUGHT THAT SUCH A PLACE AS TRIBECA WOULD DEVELOP? IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE A MOUTHWASH THAN THE RISING FASHIONABLE NEIGHBORHOOD IT IS. AND YET TRIBECA'S VITAL EXISTENCE CANNOT BE DENIED.

THE SAME PROCESS CONTINUES TODAY. OLD INDUSTRIAL AREAS ARE GENTRIFIED. FASHIONABLE RESIDENTIAL LOFTS HAVE SENT SMALL FIRMS PACKING, SEARCHING FOR NEW SITES. THE CRUSHING DEMAND FOR PRESTIGIOUS OFFICE SPACE HAS FORCED UP COMMERCIAL RENTS, DRIVING EVEN THE WEALTHIEST COMPANIES TO FIND LESS COSTLY SPACE FOR SO-CALLED BACK-OFFICE OPERATIONS.

THIS LATEST MANHATTAN METAMORPHOSIS OFFERS NEW CHALLENGES, NEW CHALLENGES, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED CITY AREAS THAT SURROUND THE PROSPEROUS CENTER OF BUSINESS --- AREAS IN BOTH NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

NOW LET'S BE HONEST, LET'S BE BLUNT, MANHATTAN IS CERTAINLY IN NO TROUBLE.

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE IT ANYWHERE --- ECONOMICALLY, CULTURALLY, FOR FASHION, TOURISM, FINANCE, AND DOZENS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES. I SAY THAT WITH SOME BIAS AND NOT A LITTLE SENSE OF KINSHIP --- BECAUSE I WAS BORN HERE I GOT MY FIRST JOB HERE AND LIVED HERE WHILE I WAS IN GRAD SCHOOL, AND I'VE SPENT MY LIFE ENJOYING WHAT MANHATTAN HAS TO OFFER. MANHATTAN IS STRONGER NOW THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN.

IT IS THE REST OF NEW YORK CITY --- THE BRONX, BROOKLYN, QUEENS AND STATEN ISLAND --- THAT FACE THE SAME PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AS JERSEY CITY, HOBOKEN, NEWARK, ELIZABETH AND PATERSON. AND ALL THESE CITIES MUST MAKE AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO ATTRACT BACK-OFFICE SPACE AND THE OTHER ACTIVITY THAT IS RIPPLING OUT FROM MANHATTAN.

WE WILL ALL BE AHEAD IF AS MANY OF THESE JOBS AS POSSIBLE STAY IN THE REGION.

BUT DO NOT ASK CITIES AND DEVELOPERS IN NEW JERSEY NOT TO TRY TO ATTRACT A PORTION OF IT. THEY WILL TRY, AND THEY SHOULD. AND BOTH NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY WILL BE STRONGER FOR IT.

WE IN NEW JERSEY HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING. WE'VE LEARNED IT AFTER TOO MANY YEARS OF NEGLECTING OUR ASSETS AND DOWNPLAYING OUR STATE'S VALUE. THOSE DAYS ARE OVER. WE NO LONGER LAUGH AT NEW JERSEY JOKES. WE HAVE REDISCOVERED THAT WE ARE A PROUD STATE, WITH A LOT TO OFFER. AND WE'RE WILLING TO WORK HARD TO PROVE IT.

WE ARE LINKED WITH YOU BY BRIDGES, BY TUNNELS, BY REGIONAL MEDIA, BY BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER.

WE ARE LINKED BY COMMON PROBLEMS, SUCH AS CONGESTED TRAFFIC, DECAYING INFRASTRUCTURE, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION.

WE ARE LINKED BY COMMON OPPORTUNITIES.

WE IN NEW JERSEY HAVE LEARNED THAT OUR BIGGEST DANGER IS NOT NEW YORK --- JUST AS YOUR BIGGEST DANGER IS NOT NEW JERSEY. OUR BIGGEST DANGER IS ALSO YOUR BIGGEST DANGER --- THAT REGIONAL SQUABBLING AND BICKERING WILL OBSCURE OUR COMMON NEED TO RENEW OUR CITIES. THAT IN TURNING ON EACH OTHER WE WILL IGNORE OUR COMMON NEED TO ANCHOR THE NORTHEAST, MAKING OUR REGION COMPETITIVE AS IT VIES WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND WITH ECONOMIC FORCES FROM ABROAD.

"A REGION DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF MAY NOT STAND THE TEST OF INRERNATIONAL COMPETION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE. THIS DOESN'T MEAN THE TWO STATES MUST ALWAYS AGREE. BOTH NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY HAVE TROUBLE SOMETIMES EVEN GETTING TOWNS WITHIN OUR BORDERS TO AGREE. NO ONE EVER SAID HOME RULE WAS GOING TO MAKE LIFE EASY --- JUST DEMOCRATIC.

I AGREE WITH ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE WHEN HE WROTE ALMOST 150 YEARS AGO: "I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, JOINED TO THE PHYSICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE

COUNTRY, ARE THE CAUSE OF THE PRODIGIOUS COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY OF THE INHABITANTS."

AND IT WAS JOHN HERSEY WHO ONCE WROTE THAT THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY IS CRISIS AND TRIUMPH OVER CRISIS.

BUT IN FACING THE ECONOMIC CRISES AND CHALLENGES WHICH MAY ARISE IN THIS DECADE, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK MUST PRESENT A UNITED FRONT.

EARLY IN MY ADMINISTRATION AND THAT OF GOVERNOR CUOMO, WE MET TO WORK OUT HOW TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS. HOW TO MAKE A BETTER FRAMEWORK FOR BI-STATE COOPERATION. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE COALITION OF NORTHEASTERN GOVERNORS. OUR EFFORTS HAVE RESHAPED THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS OF THE NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY PORT AUTHORITY.

THE BI-STATE AGREEMENT WE REACHED WILL USE THE AUTHORITY'S SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO HELP BOTH STATES IT WAS BORN TO SERVE --- TO MAKE URGENTLY NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE PORT AREA'S INFRASTRUCTURE,

TO DEVELOP THE RUNDOWN WATERFRONT; TO HELP EXPAND EXPORTS IN BOTH STATES.

WE HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN URGING LABOR AND MANAGEMENT TO JOIN IN MAKING OUR PORT COMPETITIVE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER IN THIS AREA. ANY FURTHER DECLINE IN OUR PORT WILL HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL ALSO BE WORKING TOGETHER TO CLEAN OUR WATERS, PURIFY THE AIR WE ALL BREATHE, AND UNTANGLE THE BOTTLENECKS WHICH INHIBIT COMMERCE AND TRAVEL ACROSS OUR BORDERS.

THESE LIFELINES ARE VITAL TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND TO NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. AND THEIR BENEFICIAL IMPACT EXTENDS BEYOND THOSE, INTO OTHER PARTS OF OUR STATES.

LAST YEAR, 9.6 MILLION TRUCKS TRAVELED EAST ACROSS THE HUDSON; MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION WORKERS CROSS THOSE WATERS THROUGH BRIDGES OR TUNNELS EVERY DAY, TO WORK IN EITHER STATE. ONE OF EVERY SEVEN EXECUTIVES OR MANAGERS WHO WORK IN MANHATTAN AT THIS

MINUTE NOW LIVES IN NEW JERSEY. AND THERE IS A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN NEW YORK AND WORK IN NEW JERSEY.

THE IRONIC TRUTH IS THAT NEW JERSEY, BECAUSE IT IS A SMALL STATE GEOGRAPHICALLY, HAS MORE IN COMMON WITH NEW YORK CITY THAN DOES UPSTATE NEW YORK. WE ARE PROUD TO CALL OURSELVES THE GARDEN STATE, AND OUR THIRD LARGEST INDUSTRY IS AGRICULTURE. WE SUPPLY MUCH OF THE FOOD THAT SUSTAINS NEW YORK CITY. BUT OUR LARGEST INDUSTRY IS PHARMACEUTICALS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE EMPIRE STATE'S LARGEST INDUSTRY IS? WOULD YOU BELIEVE AGRICULTURE?

NEW YORK CITY'S SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRY AFTER GARMENT MANUFACTURE IS TOURISM. COINCIDENTALLY, NEW JERSEY'S SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRY IS ALSO TOURISM. OBVIOUSLY, ANYTHING WHICH HELPS BRING MORE TOURISTS TO NEW YORK HELPS BRING MORE TO NEW JERSEY, AND VICE VERSA. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF "OUR" TOURISTS OR "YOUR" TOURISTS.

THE MORE ATTRACTIVE THE ENTIRE REGION IS, THE MORE PEOPLE WILL WANT TO VISIT. BOTH STATES SHOULD DO ALL THEY CAN TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM.

WHEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND MAYORS OF BOTH STATES, AND OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS WORK TOGETHER, WE ARE A FORMIDABLE FORCE. AND AGAIN, THIS IS A BENEFICIAL FORCE WHICH HELPS US ALL.

WE BEAT OUT BOSTON FOR THE NAVY SURFACE ACTION GROUP. OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS, OUR GOVERNORS, OUR MAYORS, OUR LABOR AND BUSINESS LEADERS, WORKED AS A TEAM TO INSIST THAT WHICHEVER SITE WAS CHOSEN --- IT MUST BE IN THIS REGION. NOW, A LOT OF PEOPLE IN NEW JERSEY SWALLOWED HARD WHEN THE SITE CHOSEN WAS STATEN ISLAND INSTEAD OF BAYONNE. BUT I GUESS THERE WERE SOME IN BROOKLYN WHO SWALLOWED HARD TOO. AND LET'S FACE IT. WHILE WE WERE SWALLOWING, WE WERE ALSO VERY HAPPY THAT THE HOMEPORT AND ALL THOSE JOBS WERE STAYING IN OUR PORT AND OUR REGION.

THEY COULD HAVE GONE COMPLETELY OUT OF REACH, AND THEY DIDN'T. AND THE TRUTH IS THAT BOTH STATES WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE FOR

CONTRACTS TO SUPPLY THE NAVY, AND BOTH OUR ECONOMIES WILL BENEFIT FROM ITS PRESENCE.

IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE RUMBLES OF INTERSTATE RIVALRY COME WITH IRONIC TIMING. NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK ARE COMING BACK MORE STRONGLY THAN EVER FROM THE RECENT RECESSION. WE HAVE A LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT WHICH IS THE ENVY OF LESS FORTUNATE STATES --- THE LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF ANY REGION IN THE COUNTRY.

I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT NEW JERSEY'S PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THAT STRENGTH. WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY. WE ARE REAFFIRMING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SOUND TRADITIONAL SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY. WE ARE ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESSES, AND FIRMS OWNED BY WOMEN AND MINORITIES. WE HAVE PLANNED FLEXIBLE STRATEGIES TO ENCOURAGE AND SUSTAIN STEADY ECONOMIC GROWTH. I HAVE RECOMMENDED OVER \$3 BILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FOR OUR STATE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

NOWHERE IS IT MORE TRUE THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH IS A TWO-WAY STREET. WE'RE STILL ON THE SAME BLOCK. NEW JERSEY IS NO PIRATE. THE ENEMY THAT THREATENS NEW YORK ALSO THREATENS NEW JERSEY --- AND THAT IS THE COMPETITIVE PULL FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

THE PIRATE IS NOT WITHIN THIS REGION; HE IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO COME FROM THE SUNBELT.

REMEMBER --- WHEN NEW YORK CITY LOST 313,000 BLUE COLLAR JOBS, THOSE JOBS DID NOT CROSS THE RIVER TO NEW JERSEY, WHERE NEW YORKERS COULD STILL HAVE REACHED THEM. DURING THAT SAME PERIOD, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY ALONE LOST 244,000 BLUE COLLAR JOBS. WE BOTH LOST --- AND IT HURT.

TODAY, WE'RE FIGHTING BACK. IN NEW JERSEY, THE AREAS CLOSEST TO THE HUDSON RIVER ALL HAVE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED. SOME ARE WELL UNDERWAY. LIBERTY STATE PARK IS RAPIDLY BECOMING ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR PARKS IN THE NATION, WITH ITS BREATHTAKING VIEW --- OF MANHATTAN. HOBOKEN, JERSEY CITY, WEEHAWKEN; HUDSON, BERGEN, ESSEX AND PASSAIC COUNTIES; ALL ARE GOING THROUGH DRAMATIC TRANSFORMATIONS, WITH MORE TO COME.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO, JOHN KENNEDY SAID, IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, "A STRONG AMERICA DEPENDS ON ITS CITIES --- AMERICA'S GLORY AND SOMETIMES AMERICA'S SHAME."

OUR CITIES DESPERATELY NEED JOBS AND INVESTMENT. AT LAST, THEY ARE GETTING THEM. ALL SIXTEEN MILLION PEOPLE IN THIS REGION BENEFIT IF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY IS STRONG, HEALTHY AND ATTRACTIVE. JUST AS THEY BENEFIT IF BROOKLYN, QUEENS AND THE BRONX ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

THIS HAS BEEN TRUE FOR DECADES. IT WAS TRUE LONG BEFORE THERE WAS ANY SUCH THING AS A UDAG GRANT, AND IT WILL BE TRUE LONG AFTER THE LAST UDAG GRANT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. IT IS UNWORTHY OF NEW YORK TO BEGRUDGE JERSEY CITY ITS GOOD FORTUNE --- WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE FORTUNES OF THE WHOLE AREA. AND FOR HEAVEN SAKE --- JERSEY CITY IS NOT A THREAT TO NEW YORK CITY. IT HAS 250,000 RESIDENTS COMPARED TO NEW YORK'S MILLIONS.

BUT JUST BECAUSE IT IS SMALL DOES NOT MEAN IT CAN BE OVERLOOKED, ANY MORE THAN NEW JERSEY CAN BE OVERLOOKED.

FOR YEARS, JERSEY CITY WAS AN AREA OF DESPERATE POVERTY, LOOKING ACROSS THE RIVER AT MANHATTAN WITH ALL ITS WEALTH AND GLAMOUR. WELL, NOW JERSEY CITY HAS A CHANCE. THANKS TO ITS LOCATION AND THANKS TO FORWARD-LOOKING LEADERSHIP --- THANKS TO A UDAG GRANT AND THANKS TO ITS HARD WORK TO GET THAT GRANT --- AT LONG LAST, IT SEES A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ITS PEOPLE.

IT IS IS UNWORTHY OF NEW YORK TO BEGRUDGE JERSEY CITY IS GOOD FORTUNE. IT IS ALSO FOOLISH.

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY NEW YORK'S DEPUTY MAYOR THAT THE CITY'S CORPORATION COUNSEL HAS SUGGESTED THAT A LAWSUIT COULD HOLD UP JERSEY CITY'S FEDERAL MONEY FOR UP TO TWO YEARS.

SIMILARLY, I'VE BEEN INFORMED BY OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT A NEW JERSEY SUIT COULD HOLD UP NEW YORK'S CONVENTION CENTER FOR AT LEAST AS LONG.

I'M SURE BOTH SCENARIOS ARE TRUE. WE LIVE IN THAT KIND OF SOCIETY. LAWSUITS CAN BE FILED TO BLOCK TO ANY LARGE PROJECT. BUT HOW FOOLISH EVEN TO TALK IN THESE TERMS! THE ONLY WINNERS OF SUCH SUITS WOULD BE LAW FIRMS AND OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. THE LOSERS WOULD BE BOTH NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

WE WILL ALL COME OUT AHEAD --- COME OUT BETTER IN THE LONG RUN --- IF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUR SHARED ENVIRONMENT --- TO KEEP JOBS UP HERE INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM SLIP DOWN SOUTH. IT IS ABSURD FOR NEW YORK TO DENY NEW JERSEY'S STAKE IN SUCH AN EFFORT. JUST AS IT WOULD BE ABSURD FOR NEW JERSEY TO HINDER NEW YORKS EFFORTS.

IT IS ABSURD TO ASK NEW JERSEY'S CITIES AND DEVELOPERS NOT TO DO THEIR VERY BEST TO ATTRACT BUSINESS. INCREASING BUSINESS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER CREATES AN ATTRACTIVE ATMOSPHERE WHICH GENERATES EVEN MORE ACTIVITY ON BOTH SIDES. IT IS NOT A FINITE PIE, WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF SLICES TO GO AROUND. THE PIE CAN BE ENLARGED.

NEW JERSEY WILL COMPETE. NEW JERSEY WILL TRY FOR HER SLICES OF PIE. I WANT TO SEE NEW JERSEY'S CITIES THRIVE, AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP THEM.

EXPECT US TO BE STRONG. FOR WE ARE. EXPECT US TO COMPETE WITH YOU IN SOME THINGS. FOR WE WILL. BUT EXPECT US TO COOPERATE, AS WE WILL EXPECT FROM YOU. EXPECT US ALSO TO REALIZE AS WE DO THAT MUCH MORE LINKS US THAN DIVIDES US.

AND LET US TRY NOT TO RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES WITH PRESS RELEASES, IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS, OR BY PETITIONING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BLOCK EACH OTHER'S GRANTS. WE CAN RESOLVE DIFFERENCES RIGHT HERE IN THE NORTHEAST, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. AS FELIX ROHATYN SAID NOT LONG AGO, THIS IS NO TIME FOR ARGUMENTS OVER TURFS.

TWENTY YEARS AGO, TWO MEN MET IN NEW JERSEY. THEY HAD MANY DIFFERENCES TO AIR. THEY WERE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON AND SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN. IF THOSE TWO COULD GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THEIR COMMON CONCERNS, IT DOES STRAIN CREDULITY TO BELIEVE THAT NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK CANNOT WORK TOGETHER AT LEAST WE SPEAK THE

SAME LANGUAGE! FRIENDLY COMPETITION BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT WILL DO THE MOST GOOD FOR THIS REGION.

ONE OF THE GREATEST WRITERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WAS EDUCATED IN NEW JERSEY AND HELD HIS FIRST JOB IN NEW YORK CITY. HE CAPTURED THE SPIRIT WHICH, IN OUR BEST MOMENTS, SUMS UP THE BOND BETWEEN OUR STATES. THAT WRITER WAS F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, WHO WROTE: "THERE WAS FIRST THE FERRY BOAT MOVING SOFTLY FROM THE JERSEY SHORE AT DAWN --- THE MOMENT CRYSTALLIZED INTO MY FIRST SYMBOL OF NEW YORK."

AS I SAID BEFORE, I WAS BORN IN NEW YORK BUT MY HOME IS IN NEW JERSEY. MAYOR KOCH SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD IN NEW JERSEY AND LOOK WHERE HE IS NOW. IT PROVES MY POINT THAT OUR STATES ARE ON A TWO-WAY STREET! LET'S NOT DENY THE TRAFFIC PATTERN, OR SET ROADBLOCKS, WHEN WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER TO A BETTER FUTURE.

LEW RUDIN, YOU ARE A REMARKABLE MAN. THIS IS A REMARKABLE AUDIENCE; AND NO GROUP HAS DONE A MORE REMARKABLE JOB OVER THE YEARS THAN YOUR ASSOCIATION FOR A BETTER NEW YORK. THERE CAN BE AN EVEN BETTER NEW YORK. WITH AN EVEN BETTER NEW JERSEY. WE WANT TO

HELP YOU AND WORK WITH YOU --- BECAUSE THERE CAN'T BE A BETTER NEW
YORK WITHOUT A BETTER NEW JERSEY. AND NEW JERSEY NEEDS A BETTER
NEW YORK TO GROW AND PROSPER.

THANK YOU.