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Anthony Bergamo, Chairman
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335 Madison Avenue, 14th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bergamo:


Please accept my sincerest thanks for your gracious invitation to receive the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation's 2010 Community Service award. Although I will be unable to attend the Foundation's event in November and accept this honor, I want you to know how much I appreciate your gesture.

Since its founding in 1988 to provide financial support to families of FBI agents killed in action, FLEF has experienced tremendous growth and provides financial assistance to all federal and local law enforcement agencies and agents suffering from serious illness or recovering from a natural disaster and anti-terrorist events. In addition, through its funding of numerous programs and services, such as the NYPD Vest Fund, inner-city drug reduction programs, the Big Brother and Sister Program, PAL programs, and PBA Widows and Children's funds, the FLEF now has a presence in 200 communities throughout the country as well as 9 foreign countries. For all they do, everyone associated with the FLEF can take great pride.

Thank you again for thinking of me, and I wish you and everyone associated with the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation much continued success.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



ANDREW M. CUOMO



Andrew M. Cuomo
Attorney General, New York City

Andrew Cuomo was elected the 64th Attorney General of New York State on November 7, 2006. As Attorney General, Cuomo is the highest ranking law enforcement officer for the State, responsible for representing New York and its residents in legal matters.

Cuomo has established key priorities for the Attorney General's office: social justice, economic justice, racial justice, the environment, and public integrity. He has delivered on each of these issues, bringing numerous social, economic, environmental and public integrity cases, as well as instigating a dramatic and historic expansion of the Civil Rights bureau within the Attorney General's office. In addition, the Attorney General launched Project Sunlight, a website designed to maintain government accountability and uphold public integrity.

Cuomo created a student lending Code of Conduct which eventually became New York State law as the Student Lending Accountability, Transparency, and Enforcement (SLATE) Act of 2007. Proposed federal legislation regarding the student loan industry also incorporates Cuomo's original Code of Conduct and has currently been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

In 2007, Cuomo also announced an investigation into widespread appraisal fraud within the mortgage industry, examining practices used by some of the country's largest banks of pressuring appraisers to artificially inflate the value of homes. As a result of these investigations, Fannie Mac and Freddie Mac, the largest purchasers of home loans, agreed to abide by new appraisal guidelines defined by the Attorney General and to fund an Independent Valuation Protection Institute to implement and monitor those guidelines.

Early in 2008, Cuomo also announced an industry-wide investigation into a scheme by health insurers to defraud consumers by manipulating reimbursement rates. The investigation identified that Ingenix, Inc., the nation's largest provider of healthcare billing information, was serving as a conduit for rigged data to the largest insurers in the country. Currently, some of the largest health insurers in the country have been subpoenaed on this matter including United Healthcare, Wellpoint and Aetna.

Public integrity and enhancing transparency in New York State government has been a central priority for the Attorney General. In December 2007, Cuomo created Project Sunlight, a website that allows real-time tracking of seven state databases and the links between them. It gives easy access to information on campaign financing, lobbying, agency contracts, member items, legislation and both for-profit and not-for-profit corporations registered in New York. By increasing access to and awareness of State information, Project Sunlight ultimately increased government accountability to the citizens of New York State.

Before he was elected New York Attorney General, Cuomo served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under President Clinton. Under his leadership, HUD was transformed from a bureaucratic backwater rife with waste to a revitalized engine for housing development. Besides reducing waste, Cuomo also focused on fighting racial discrimination and gun violence. He brought 2,000 anti-discrimination cases and forced gun manufacturers to alter their marketing techniques. For these accomplishments, HUD received the prestigious "Innovations in American Government Award" from the Ford Foundation and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, on three separate occasions.

Cuomo graduated from Fordham University in 1979 and Albany Law School in 1982. He is the father of three daughters, Mariah, Cara, and Michaela.