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Gov. Kathy Hochul
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Dear Gov. Hochul:

I am writing regarding the reported cyberattacks targeting water systems in at least seven states across the nation.

These potentially crippling and far-reaching attacks have exposed vulnerabilities and shortcomings in the delivery of important resources. It is now incumbent upon New York to ensure that we can identify potential threats and are prepared if a similar attack takes place here.

As such, I am suggesting that you assemble state agencies, private sector representatives and county leaders from across New York to assess the state's preparedness level and ability to thwart online threats and attacks. This public-private collaboration is crucial to efforts to negate the effects of these attacks in New York and to hopefully eliminate them altogether in the future.

With technology pervading nearly every aspect of our lives and economy, the threat of cyberattacks in our nation has become the new normal of our time. Unfortunately, many local governments, hospitals, health systems, schools, businesses and other organizations have been targeted by these online attacks.

Given the significant economic, social and security issues that arise when a cyberattack does occur, we must do everything that we can to stay ahead of those who intend to harm the citizens and businesses of New York State.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph A. Griffo".

Joseph A. Griffo
New York State Senator, 53rd Senate District