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Re: Sustainability Challenges and Goals
for New York City Through 2030
Press Release dated December 12, 2006

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Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

Marc A. Matalon, P.E.

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It was with great pleasure that I read the text of your press release in which you laid out your vision for the City of New York in the year 2030. Your speech clearly demonstrates that you are a truly visionary leader who thinks long term and is clearly interested in promoting the public good and not a personal agenda. Like the visionary City Engineers of the turn of the last century, who designed and built an infrastructure for future generations of New Yorkers, you too are planning for future generations. I commend you for such noble and public spirited actions.

Special Advisor

Samuel I. Schwartz, P.E.

We, in the Engineering/Architectural community, support the initiatives outlined in your press release since they represent our vision as well. In fact, we have been trying to communicate to you our vision for the City of New York over the past several years. We are extremely gratified to see that you are now addressing the issue of New York City's Infrastructure, which is key to ensuring the economic viability and long term sustainability of the City of New York.

Although we endorse your sustainability plan, we are troubled by the apparent omission of Engineering/Architectural input in formulating your plan. Your press release does acknowledge that a great deal of Engineering must be carried out, yet you did not select one Engineer or Architect for your panel of experts intended to represent "a wide spectrum of disciplines and opinions".

We would like to assist you in the development of a successful long-range plan for the City. The Engineering/Architectural Community fully expects to participate in any open forums on the subject. However we do feel, since we will be the ones carrying out any plans for the City's Infrastructure, that we be a key element in any "panel of experts" you consult with on a regular basis.

A copy of this letter is being sent to all the Professional organizations representing those who will be involved in and be affected by such a necessary and comprehensive plan. I, and my colleagues, look forward to meeting with you soon on this subject.

Sincerely,

Salvatore R. Galletta, P.E.
Chairperson