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SENATOR, 31ST DISTRICT

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Dear Mr. Deskovic,

I would like to personally thank you for your participation in the public forum on preventing wrongful convictions in New York State on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Your testimony provided vital information for members of our State Legislature and the general public about the benefits of recording custodial interrogations and the harm caused by our current failure to do so at the state level.

As chair of the New York State Democratic Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform and a State Senator representing a district comprised of over 300,000 residents, I believe that it is the responsibility of every elected official to ensure that their constituents are living in safe communities, where criminal activity is dealt with by punishing the guilty while protecting the innocent.

I firmly believe that the flaws in our current system can be corrected so that residents of New York will be safe from harm, whether it's at the hands of criminals or a flawed criminal justice system. By having this discussion we can begin the process of figuring out how to provide equitable and effective criminal justice.

Again, thank you your willingness to play such an important role in the forum. If you have any questions or comments for me, please feel free to call me or my District Office Director, Christina Harvey, at (212) 928-5578.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Schneiderman

