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NEW YORK MAYORS REACT TO STATEWIDE CONTROL BOARD PROPOSAL

NEW YORK—The Mayors of four of New York’s largest cities are releasing a statement in response to Fredric U. Dicker’s column in today’s *New York Post*. This column stated Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli “are reviewing proposals for a ‘super control board’ that could take over the finances of counties, cities, and towns on the verge of bankruptcy.” The Mayors, Gerald Jennings of Albany, Stephanie A. Miner of Syracuse, Thomas Richards of Rochester, and Mike Spano of Yonkers, are working together to address the new realities of municipal finance.

“We read with interest press reports about a statewide control board. These reports are recognition of the difficult circumstances we now confront. We appreciate the interest. We have been meeting and are carefully considering our response to the looming fiscal crisis of New York’s municipal governments. In the meantime, we suggest that several principles be considered in this new and important statewide conversation. First, at the heart of the problem is the decades-long fundamental change in the economics of the cities and their expense and revenue base, which will not recover even as the national and state economies improve. Second, we believe decisions about our cities should be made in concert with local officials. We, as Mayors, are dealing with our new realities. We are committed to working with the Governor and Comptroller to design a solution that will serve the interest of the state and its municipal governments.”

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