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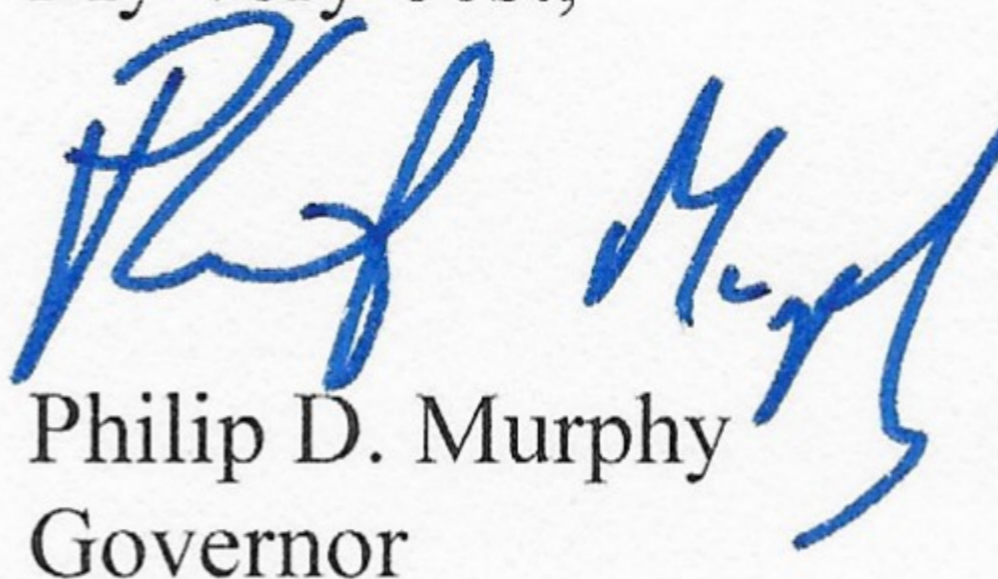
Dear Rabbi Silverstein,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you as you retire from a long and rewarding career of service with the Congregation Agudath Israel.

Since 1979, you have made a tremendous impact serving hundreds of households. Throughout these forty-two years you have demonstrated unwavering commitment to your faith and the people you serve by leading in many positions, such as the President of the International Rabbinical Assembly, the President of World Council of Conservative Masorti Synagogues, and in your current position as the President of Mercaz Olami. You have nurtured and mentored the masses, your many accomplishments have earned you the respect and admiration of your community and rabbis alike. As you reflect upon your career, take pride in knowing that your hard work and dedication will always be an inspiration to all.

Thank you for your service to the Synagogue, families, and communities across our Great State. Best wishes for lasting health and happiness.

My very best,


Philip D. Murphy
Governor