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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate Hofstra University's 28thAnnual Gala. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of Hofstra University, its faculty, staff, administrators, supporters and this year's honoree on this wonderful occasion.

As residents of New York and global citizens, we actively acknowledge the significance of enhancing the quality of higher education accessible to everyone. Hofstra University has wholeheartedly embraced this mission. Since its establishment in 1935, Hofstra has fostered an inclusive, challenging, and enriching academic environment that nurtures curiosity and provides a strong educational foundation for its students. With a remarkable track record of academic excellence, abundant resources, and extensive community partnerships, the University has played a pivotal role in shaping countless future leaders. It is through the generosity and support of everyone joining here today that Hofstra University is able to remain steadfast in its commitment to supporting the educational endeavors of today's students; therefore, I applaud you all.

Furthermore, I offer my sincerest congratulations to this year's distinguished honoree, **The Honorable David S. Mack**, Senior Managing Partner and Vice President of The Mack Management and Construction Corp. Mr. Mack also serves as Secretary of the Hofstra University Board of Trustees. Mr. Mack's transformational leadership led to strengthening the University's relations and in turn, brightening the futures of Hofstra alum. Along with being a pioneer in real estate development through his firm, Mr. Mack is also an esteemed advisor of several boards across fields of healthcare, motor vehicles and faith. As a respected leader in the community, I applaud Mr. Mack for his many achievements and thank him for his invaluable contributions and devoted service to Hofstra University and greater Long Island.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you all for your hard work. I know that Hofstra University will continue to serve New Yorkers and our nation for many years to come. Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer United States Senator