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Mr. David Brooks

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I want to personally congratulate you on having been ranked among the "New York Area's Fastest-Growing Companies," as reported in the September 26, 2002, issue of Crain's New York Business. As a businessman, and now as Majority Leader of the New York State Senate since 1995, I appreciate and admire the work and commitment it took for you to earn this significant recognition.

In the past year, I have been creating dialogue with small groups of business leaders in the Metropolitan New York area in order to obtain feedback and suggestions in our efforts to heal and rebuild New York City. These meetings have been mutually beneficial and, at the same time, have created an opportunity for business leaders to address other important issues that are impacting their companies.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2002, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Suite 2150 at the New York Sheraton, located at 811 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

I wish you continued success as a leader in your field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Bruno".

Joseph L. Bruno