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January 18, 2024

Dear Governor Hochul,

On behalf of our physician and medical student members, the American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU) we would like to thank you for your support by signing S.1196-A/A.1673-A. As you know this new law requires state-regulated insurance plans, including Medicaid, to cover biomarker testing for diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a patient's disease or condition when the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence.

Founded in 1968 by urologists concerned by the government's increasing role in the practice of medicine, the AACU is a professional organization representing the interests of more than 3,700+ member urologists, and urologic societies engaged as advocacy affiliates across the United States. We are dedicated to developing and advancing health policy education as it affects urologic practice in order to preserve and promote the professional autonomy of our members and support the highest quality of care for patients.

By signing this bill our advocates and partners are reassured that New York stands behind innovative treatments like precision medicine that can help New York advance health equity, especially for vulnerable communities.

We look forward to continuing to work with your office to ensure that New York beneficiaries are able to maximize much needed access to urology services.

Sincerely,

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January 18, 2024

Dear Assemblymember Hunter and Senator Persaud,

On behalf of our physician and medical student members, the American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU) we would like to thank you for your leadership by both sponsoring and supporting S.1196-A/A.1673-A.

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Part of our policy priorities in 2024 is to support legislation such as this and we will be doing our best to ensure that this model is enacted in other states nationwide. The Governor's signing of this bill reassures our advocates and partners that New York stands behind innovative treatments using biomarkers to help a diverse array of New York patients.

This letter serves as our first outreach to you. We will be in contact with your offices this year to make a formal introduction as we look for new ways to work with you both.

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