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Patrick J. Foye
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April 9, 2014

RE: 3 World Trade Center

Dear Mr. Foye,

I am proud to express my support for 3 World Trade Center. We offer this letter of support for the effort to finance the completion of 3 World Trade Center.

Founded in 1978, NEW prepares, trains and places women in careers in the skilled construction, utility and maintenance trades, helping women achieve economic independence and a secure future. In that work we have the opportunity to work with many of New York City's leading development companies and I can attest that Silverstein Properties stands out in their deep commitment to advancing our mission of expanding opportunity for women in the construction trades.

The events of 9/11 were one of the low points in our great City's history. But the rebuilding process has been an opportunity to demonstrate our values and to advance important goals. Increasing the number of women in the unionized construction industry is an important way to diversify this key industry and to provide entry into the middle class for thousands of women. Among the many partners who work with NEW to provide opportunities for women in the building and construction trades, Silverstein Properties has been among the leaders. Silverstein Properties was one of the first developers to sign on when NEW launched its NEW Signature Projects Program to advance tradeswomen participation on New York City construction projects. 3 World Trade Center is one of the projects that has been committed. The completion of this project will provide opportunities for women from across New York City to participate in the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan.

Silverstein Properties is a leader in promoting tradeswomen on their projects across the City. For the past 7 years, Amy A. Peterson, NEW's past President, and I have engaged developers, owners, contractors, and subcontractors to ensure tradeswomen participation on their projects. NEW has enjoyed a great partnership with Silverstein Properties, and we are excited to continue this by putting more women to work in highly skilled union jobs at 3 World Trade Center. These opportunities will assure economic security for these women and their families.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Culhane
Interim President

Cc: Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo – Governor, State of New York
Hon. Christopher Christie – Governor, State of New Jersey
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