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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to once again offer warm regards to the many readers and patrons of the 2002 *New York State Statistical Yearbook*.

Through the work of the Rockefeller Institute of Government, New York State provides a valuable source of information with the annual publication of the Statistical Yearbook. For more than a quarter of a century, the annual Yearbook has been used as a valuable reference guide to the resources, services and public entities available in the Empire State. A compilation of current facts and figures, the Yearbook provides important data about general population, economics, the environment, education and employment trends. In addition, a comprehensive listing of State agencies and their primary function, as well as other available statewide services and programs, can be found in the Yearbook. Presented in a concise and well-organized format, the Statistical Yearbook is utilized by a large sector of the public, offering its readership a wealth of information on a variety of topics.

On behalf of all New Yorkers who benefit from this excellent reference tool, I would like to thank all who have contributed, through their dedicated efforts, to the New York State Statistical Yearbook.

Very truly yours,

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