Reinvent Albany requests an extension for public comment on the emergency regulations adopted pursuant to 19 NYCRR Part 941, Adjudicatory Proceedings and Appeals Process until 30 days after the adoption of the New York State Budget. 

Governor Hochul in her Executive Budget introduced a proposal to create a new ethics entity to replace the Joint Commission on Public Ethics – the Independent Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government. In addition to creating a new appointment structure, the proposal also contains changes related to adjudications and public disclosure, including that the commission would be subject to the Freedom of Information Law.

It has been widely reported that there are active discussions regarding the creation of a new ethics commission in the state budget, but no details have been released as of the date of our writing this letter.

Given that the last business day for which comment on the emergency regulations is due is Friday, April 8, 2022, and the final budget bills – which total hundreds of pages – are not currently publicly available for review, we respectfully request an extension on the time allowed for public comment on the emergency regulations.

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We believe it is reasonable to allow the public a longer period of time by which to comment on the proposed regulations, given that the very laws under which New York State’s ethics commission operates are likely to be amended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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