



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

KATHY HOCHUL
GOVERNOR

September 20, 2023

Dear President Richards:

It is my pleasure to extend my congratulations as you are named the newest President and CEO of The Fortune Society.

Over the course of your career, you have established yourself as a pillar of multiple criminal justice advocacy groups in groundbreaking leadership roles, including the first ever formerly incarcerated individual to hold the position of First Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Operations at the NYC Department of Correction, and implemented innovative services that serve fellow formerly incarcerated individuals during their reentry journey. Your decades of expertise and commitment to meaningful progress will serve you well as you continue to guide both the organization and New York State towards a more equitable future.

I appreciate your outstanding work as well as your assistance in promoting criminal justice reform. Best wishes for future success.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul". Below the signature, the name "Kathy Hochul" is printed in a smaller, standard font, followed by "Governor" in a slightly smaller font.
Kathy Hochul
Governor