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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Association for Behavioral & Cognitive Therapies' 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the New York Marriott Marquis. Welcome to the great City of New York!

Founded in 1966 in opposition to the prevailing psychoanalytic model, this multidisciplinary organization is committed to the understanding of human conduct through the investigation and application of behavioral, cognitive, and other evidence-based principles to the assessment, prevention, and treatment of human problems and issues. With over 5,200 members worldwide, ABCT is at the forefront of scientific psychology and empirically-supported treatment programs, empowering thousands of children, adults, and families to move forward and lead fulfilling, rewarding lives.

I am confident that your convention will be an excellent opportunity to share ideas and information about the latest trends, best practices, and collaborative solutions needed to advance and further the practice of cognitive behavior therapy. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend all who come together for this critical conference, demonstrating their commitment to expediting protocols that increase patient mental health and wellness.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a happy milestone anniversary celebration and a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Cuomo', written in a cursive style.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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