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Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board  
One Overocker Road  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**Re: IBM will Support Local Economic Development through a new Quantum Facility in Poughkeepsie**

The Business Council of New York State supports IBM's plan to develop a quantum facility on the existing IBM campus located in Poughkeepsie. IBM's dedication to keeping New York on the forefront of the quantum ecosystem will create jobs across sectors and levels and bring continued opportunities for growth to the state.

This project will make New York a key part of the supply chain, replicating the success the state has seen with the semiconductor ecosystem. Several companies vital to that semiconductors' development reside in New York and greater New England. IBM will make Poughkeepsie the primary hub of this work for the quantum ecosystem, making New York a core part of this burgeoning industry by developing a facility that is used to both construct quantum machines as well as host these machines on site.

IBM will be bringing needed jobs to Dutchess County. Past the initial need for construction workers, this facility is projecting a workforce of 200 across several degree levels. This comes at an excellent time in the Hudson Valley, as the nearby Mechatronics Lab through SUNY Dutchess Community College has been successfully supporting students in entering related fields since its opening in 2023.

Quantum computing has applications across sectors and has the potential to create over \$500B in economic value, according to a study by the Boston Consulting Group. New York's workforce is ready to take on the new jobs that will be created through this project. This opportunity to further build both New York's economy as well as the state's position as a leader in quantum technology should be fully taken advantage of with IBM's partnership.

For these reasons, the Business Council supports IBM's proposal to build a new quantum computing facility at its Poughkeepsie campus.

Sincerely,

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