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To the Virtual Attendees of the Financial Empowerment Summit:

It is with great pride that I welcome you to this important and historic financial series for Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse. The goal of the 2021 Financial Empowerment Summit is to address and highlight the importance of financial literacy, along with establishing and maintaining healthy financial habits. Since taking office, tackling the issues of poverty, infrastructure and economic development have been my focus and I am wholeheartedly committed to these initiatives. In the midst of a global pandemic that has resulted in struggles for individuals and businesses alike, these goals are more crucial than ever before.

I would like to thank those who have worked tirelessly to make this series a reality, bringing together a full panel of experts for this tailor-made financial education experience in the City of Syracuse and beyond.

Sincerely,

J. Ryan McMahon, II  
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