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To the Virtual Attendees of the Financial Empowerment Summit:

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Financial Empowerment Summit. With April being Financial Literacy Month, this summit is a great way to bring professionals and community members together to discuss the importance of financial literacy and the importance of establishing and maintaining healthy financial habits.

I would like to thank everyone in attendance for creating time to improve their skills and share their knowledge on such an important subject. Since I took office, reducing poverty and encouraging economic development have been some of my top priorities. I know that Central New York and especially Syracuse has struggled with one of the nation's highest poverty rates. This struggle has become worse due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have been doing everything I can in Washington D.C. to ensure that Central New Yorkers have the resources and funds they need to get through this difficult time. However, summits like the Financial Empowerment Summit are equally beneficial.

As you all come together virtually, I wish you nothing but success during the Financial Empowerment Summit and look forward to seeing the benefits of your hard work in Syracuse and Central New York. I extend my greatest support to you all.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator