The following is a statement from Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Representatives Kathy Hochul (NY-26), Louise Slaughter (NY-28), and Brian Higgins (NY-27) following an announcement from the Department of Defense to eliminate the jobs of the Air National Guard's 107th Airlift Wing at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS):

"We call on the Air Force to reverse this decision and to identify a new mission for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. As a united delegation, along with the support of Governor Cuomo, we will continue to fight to protect this base, the positions it supports, and the thousands of Western New Yorkers that rely on its services.

"The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is an essential part of our nation's military force, and we will not rest in the effort to find a new mission."