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Dear Governor Lehman:

You have undoubtedly followed with interest the establishment of Americans for Democratic Action. The response to this organization throughout the country has been an extremely gratifying one and indicative that the position taken up at Washington is one that is welcome to liberal Americans.

The National Organizing Committee has been authorized to move ahead and establish the ADA on a regional and state basis and the object of this letter is to solicit your help in the building of an organization in New York.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in a statewide organizing conference to be held in Albany on April 18 - 19. Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. representing the national organization will keynote this conference. The business of the meeting will be to adopt a platform on state issues, by-laws for the state organization, and elect a board and officers. Enclosed you will find a brief statement of ADA principles and a copy of the tentative agenda for the conference. Upon receiving your acceptance, you will be sent copies of the draft program and by-laws which will be acted upon at the Albany conference.

Will you indicate on the enclosed card whether you will attend and whether you wish the ADA office to secure hotel reservations for you in Albany.

In the event that circumstances prevent your attending, may we use your name as a sponsor of the ADA in New York?

Very sincerely,

Wilson Wyatt  Leon Henderson
Co-chairmen, Organizing Committee

Enclosures