Dear George Latimer,

We the undersigned organizations strongly urge you to not to stage a primary challenge against Representative Jamaal Bowman. Our country and the world are in a very precarious state right now. We must address myriad crises in the United States, including climate change, combating homelessness, ending gun violence, promoting universal health care and standing up for working families still recovering from the economic impacts of the COVID epidemic. Jamaal Bowman has been an advocate for all of these causes and more, both in-state and in the halls of Congress.

We respect the work you have done, but we believe that a primary challenge in New York's 16th district would divide and hurt Democrats and organizers who must dedicate limited resources to flipping red seats in this state. Democrats must be united in the face of the election of a far-right, MAGA Speaker of the House. Your candidacy would serve to undermine a progressive champion who has time and again fought for working New Yorkers, prioritized the needs of his district, and handily won the last two primaries for federal office.

The entire county looks to you to uphold our Democratic values and ensure we continue winning and implementing progressive policies that protect all New Yorkers. We simply cannot afford the divisiveness and resource drain a primary election would bring at this time. We urge you to consider other political avenues at the end of your final term as county executive.

While chaos ensues in other areas of the globe, we know our state and county can lead the charge on so many issues to improve the lives of all of us. We hope you seriously consider our request not to run for Congress in New York's 16th district and look forward to working with you as county executive for a progressive future for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

NYCD16 Indivisible
Concerned Families of Westchester
For the Many
New York Communities for Change
New York Progressive Action Network
Food & Water Action
United for Clean Energy
Young Democratic Socialists of America, New Castle & Mount Kisco Chapter