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Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor of City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio:

I write to you to express my support for strengthening and extending the supportive housing plan known as New York/New York III. I have joined with more than 150 state and local organizations to campaign for a new City-State supportive housing agreement that aims to provide 30,000 new units of supportive housing over the next 10 years.

Roughly 53,000 people in New York City are homeless each day, including more than 23,000 children. Through past and current cooperative agreements, New York City serves more than 110,000 homeless individuals annually. Each year it approves over 20,000 supportive housing applications, but only one in six applicants receives a permanent supportive housing placement. As you are aware, the city is at a crossroads in dealing with its large homeless population. Permanent supportive housing is needed for these individuals and families who face an uphill battle to find permanent, affordable housing and get off the streets. Many members of our homeless population are our most vulnerable New Yorkers, including those living with disabilities, terminally ill, or survivors of domestic violence. For this reason, it is imperative that we work together to negotiate a new City-State supportive housing agreement that fully funds the creation of 30,000 units: 15,000 units of new supportive housing construction and 15,000 units housed in new or existing affordable housing developments.

A strong permanent supportive housing agreement will send a powerful signal to the public, advocates and stakeholders, and the country that New York is serious in its determination to end homelessness. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 212-873-6368, or by email at rosenthal@assembly.state.ny.us. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Rosenthal
Member of Assembly – 67th AD

cc: Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing

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