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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

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Dear Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio:

I am writing to you to express my support for extending the New York/New York III supportive housing plan. I am joining with numerous State and Local organizations to advocate for a new City-State supportive housing agreement which will seek to provide 30,000 new units of supportive housing in New York City over the next 10 years, and is a critical part of the City's homeless services collection.

It is estimated that more than 54,000 individuals in New York City are homeless, including more than 23,000 children. Annually, the City serves over 110,000 homeless individuals each year, approving over 20,000 supportive housing applications. However, less than 20% of supportive housing applicants actually receive a permanent housing plan. Supportive housing expansion is a crucial component needed to address New York City's increasing homeless population crisis. For this reason, I urge the City and the State of New York to work together to agree upon a new and prolonged City-State supportive housing contract that completely funds the formation of 30,000 units: 15,000 units of new supportive housing construction and 15,000 units housed in a new or current affordable housing developments.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or my Chief of Staff, Christopher Kaznowski, at (718) 263-5595.

Sincerely,

Andrew D. Hevesi

Member of Assembly, 28th AD

cc. Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing