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

RE: Campaign for Supportive Housing

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing to express my support for Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing in its endeavors to campaign for a City-State agreement to provide 30,000 new units of supportive housing over the next ten years.

The need for housing within the City of New York is becoming more and more prevalent. 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 and approving over 20,000 supportive housing applications. However, less than 20% of supportive housing applicants receive a permanent housing plan. Supportive housing will give individuals, families and youth with disabilities as well as survivors of domestic violence facing homeless the opportunity for adequate shelter as well as the opportunity to get back on their feet.

For all the above mentioned reasons, 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 30,000units.

I thank you for taking your time and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or my Chief of Staff, Matthew Shuffler, at 718-893-0202

Respectfully,

Marcos A. Crespo
Member of Assembly
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cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing