Memorandum of Support
Receivership
A.10095 (McDonald)

The Preservation League of New York State is New York State’s statewide historic preservation nonprofit. We invest in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. We write in support of bill A.10095 to amend the real property actions and proceedings law to expand the applicability of the receivership law to the entire state of New York for the purpose of remediying conditions dangerous to life, health or safety.

This legislation aims to address real property issues in cases where tenants voice complaints to landlords, yet issues remain unaddressed. This tool will help address building code violations and situations when buildings have fallen into serious disrepair. A strong receivership program will ultimately deter building vacancy and demolition of unsafe properties, keeping more of our older residential buildings well-maintained and out of the land. Maintaining safe and livable housing is paramount for stabilizing and maintaining neighborhoods and contributing to the quality of life for residents across New York State.

Currently only available for the New York City region, this bill will add receivership as a statewide tool. We urge the NYS Assembly to adopt A.10095 to help remedy conditions dangerous to life, health or safety; and we applaud Assemblymember McDonald for his leadership in this effort.