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Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor  
State of New York  
NYS Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

On behalf of my residents, this is my second letter imploring you to listen to the people across the State who are overwhelmingly opposed to the City of New York's uncoordinated decompression strategy. For this Sanctuary City to claim they do not have the space is false, with this poorly planned decompression strategy drawing even more criticism from Adams' own New York City Council.

**A recent report indicates 3,932 units in the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) were empty across at the end of last month and more than 2,600 units vacant in the city's supportive housing network meant for homeless New Yorkers. Combined, those units could house 15,000 people according to Brooklyn Councilman Lincoln Restler.**

**The article goes on to say it now takes NYCHA an average of 258 days to fill a vacant public housing apartment – nearly double the 131 days it used to take at the outset of the Adams' administration in January 2022. This has resulted in an outstanding 700% increase in vacant NYCHA apartments from 486 at the beginning of Adams' term to the current 3,932.**

In addition, New York City's current population is down roughly half a million since April 2020 and over 20,000 hotel rooms are unoccupied. All signs indicating New York City is not at-capacity nor in crisis but rather under poor management.

Instead of filling the thousands of units that sit empty, New York City Mayor Eric Adams is attempting to break New York State Social Services Law to shift his jurisdiction's Sanctuary City duty to counties across the State, including Rockland.

We have a very well-documented housing crisis which is so extreme that my administration was unprecedentedly deputized by your administration to take over Building and Fire Code enforcement in the Village of Spring Valley. Just this March, we lost 5 lives in a house fire in

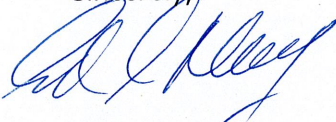
the Village; the home had 18 people living inside. Sending busloads of people to Counties that do not have housing will likely result in more dangerously overcrowded conditions or a one-way bus ticket to homelessness; in essence hurting the people you and Mayor Adams claim you are trying to help.

It was for this very reason that 38 out of 57 counties outside of the City enacted State of Emergency Declarations to protect current and future residents which Mayor Adams ignored as he lied, deceived, and blindsided municipalities with his plans while breaking local and state laws and ignoring requests by many, including this administration, to see the agreement between the City, hotel operators, and shelter operator for full transparency.

Listen to the rightful concerns of two-thirds of your State's counties.

Again, I implore you to demand that our Federal lawmakers and President of the United States to fix the immigration issue once and for all while simultaneously urging the Mayor of New York City to take responsibility for the municipality he swore to serve and Sanctuary City duties that come with it.

Sincerely,



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CC: Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Mike Lawler, NYS Senator Bill Weber, NYS Senator Pete Harckham, NYS Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski, NYS Assemblyman John McGowan, NYS Assemblyman Chris Eachus, NYS Assemblyman Karl Brabanec, NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario.