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Dear New York State Attorney General James,

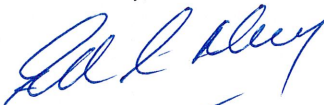
I am writing to adamantly request your administration launch an investigation into the organized and orchestrated movement of migrants across our state, up to and including a home in Rockland County that was transformed into a hazardous halfway house for newly arrived migrants. This home was discovered by police to have over 30 individuals, including children, living in dangerously overcrowded and unsafe conditions.

Early reports indicate many of these migrants had recently crossed the border, were flown to the City of New York, transported to Queens, and arrived in Rockland a few days later. A statement made by the resident of this New City home was 10 of the individuals were leaving so more can arrive, indicating this home was a halfway house for migrants. How did this happen? This is a clearly organized enterprise who has yet to be identified. As a former member of law enforcement, I see this as a form of human trafficking and am calling on your Office, as the chief law officer in this state, to thoroughly investigate this matter.

This entire issue surrounding illegal immigration forces migrants to embark on a perilous journey from South & Central America to our border, which they then attempt to cross, often with assistance from criminals for incredibly high prices, only to then be moved into subpar and unfit living conditions putting them in further danger. What about any of that underscores the American dream?

This crisis is subjecting tens of thousands of migrants to more harm than good both throughout the voyage here and once they arrive in our own backyards and I firmly believe it should be halted as it is only putting more lives at risk.

Sincerely,



Edwin J. Day
County Executive