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Honorable Kathy Hochul
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Dear Governor Hochul,

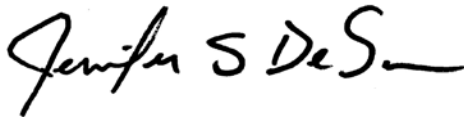
As duly elected representatives of over 237,000 residents in the Town of North Hempstead, we feel compelled to write to you today regarding the future of New York's suburbs. We are extremely dismayed by a provision contained in your proposed 2022-23 New York State Budget. "Section AA" of the proposed 2022-23 New York State Budget would eliminate single-family zoning across New York State by mandating that localities permit Accessory Dwelling Units (apartments) on the property of homes that are currently zoned for single-family use. This would effectively strip local government of our "home rule" authority to control local zoning. This proposal threatens to severely impact the quality of life of suburban municipalities across the state and will undoubtedly strain critical community resources past their breaking point. If passed, this policy will do irreparable harm to our environment, artificially manufacture dangerously high density, and negatively impact parking, traffic, air pollution, water pollution, and public safety.

"Section AA" would have severely detrimental impacts on our suburban quality of life. Effectively doubling the density in any given neighborhood would have disastrous consequences for our school systems, as overcrowding and overburdening of resources will drastically increase the cost of education, while simultaneously reducing its quality. If this proposal is not abandoned, our environment will suffer grave harm, and our suburban neighborhoods will come to resemble the urbanized areas most suburban residents intentionally moved away from. Residents in Nassau County already pay some of the highest taxes in the nation. Seeing this proposal to fruition will lead to an undue burden on middle class families and seniors who would be forced to pay even higher taxes to compensate for the additional strain put on important community resources.

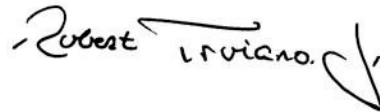
Local zoning control gives municipalities the ability to determine the zoning that is consistent with the character of our communities. While we all agree that affordable

housing is a necessary priority for all levels of government, sacrificing the quality of life in existing neighborhoods across New York State is a poor way to accomplish this goal. Imposing a one-size-fits-all approach to the problem without input from local municipalities, and the necessary consideration for all the adverse impacts it would create is not the answer to this issue. We urge you to reverse this initiative. Our communities are counting on you, Governor Hochul, to remove this proposal eliminating single-family homes from the 2022-23 State Budget and save our suburbs.

Sincerely,



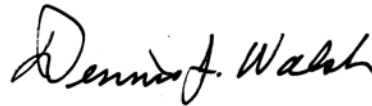
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