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Senator Jack M. Martins via [martins@nysenate.gov](mailto:martins@nysenate.gov)  
Assemblywoman Gina L. Sillitti via [sillittig@nyassembly.gov](mailto:sillittig@nyassembly.gov)

Re: Governor's "NY Housing Compact"

Dear Senator Martins and Assemblywoman Sillitti:

The Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) and Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA) jointly represent 96 Villages and roughly 650,000 Long Island residents. They and their constituents are appalled that Governor Hochul would introduce ANY measure that assaults "Home Rule" and attempts to over-ride local control. They are tremendously upset that the Governor would try to "back-door" this measure by including it as a budget item tied to other funding, thus attempting to shield it from constituent scrutiny.

SCVOA & NCVOA stand united in their vigorous opposition to the Governor's "NY Housing Compact". This is a targeted assault which is based on mandates, penalties and elimination of critical environmental reviews. *We are most appreciative of the excellent response to and support for our position provided by our State Senate and Assembly representatives.* The proposals of both the Senate and Assembly removed language which included mandates; overrides of local control; minimum density around train stations and removal of critical environmental reviews. In both versions \$500 million was made available to incentivize development of new housing utilizing underdeveloped land.

Contrary to earlier reports, it appears that this matter is not yet on the way to a negotiated resolution with the Governor. We ask that our Senate and Assembly representatives continue to stand firm in supporting the overwhelming sentiment of constituents. The NY Housing Compact and any similar measure needs to be removed from the 2023/24 and/or any future NYS budgets.

Regards,  
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cc: Nora Haagenon, President, NCVOA  
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