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Senator Sepúlveda Stands with Governor Hochul's Urgent Call for Federal Support Amidst Influx of Asylum Seekers

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New York, NY – New York State Senator Luis Sepúlveda stands firmly behind Governor Kathy Hochul's unwavering commitment to humanity and justice as she appeals to President Biden for immediate executive action to address the unprecedented surge of asylum seekers arriving in the State of New York.

In a letter addressed to the White House, Governor Hochul articulated the pressing needs of our state and its communities as they grapple with this influx. Senator Sepúlveda lauds Governor Hochul's foresight and proactive approach in outlining specific requests that will greatly assist our region in managing this critical situation.

Among the highlighted requests, Senator Sepúlveda resonates strongly with the need for expedited work authorizations for asylum seekers. Providing them with the opportunity to contribute to our society while navigating their legal processes not only respects their dignity but also enriches our diverse tapestry.

Furthermore, the Senator firmly stands with the Governor's call for financial assistance for both New York City and New York State. As these communities bear the responsibility of supporting and integrating asylum seekers, federal support will ensure that the impact on

local resources is mitigated, guaranteeing the continued well-being of all residents.

In recognizing the significance of housing, Senator Sepúlveda supports the use of federal land and facilities for temporary shelter sites. This humane approach acknowledges the immediate needs of those seeking refuge while maintaining the integrity of our state's infrastructure.

Senator Sepúlveda extends his full support to Governor Hochul's steadfast advocacy for these critical measures. He echoes her sentiment that these actions underscore the values of compassion, unity, and respect that our great state upholds. The Senator urges President Biden to heed Governor Hochul's call and take swift action to provide the necessary federal resources to New York during this time of pressing need.

As a united front, New York remains committed to upholding the principles that define us as a nation and as a community. Senator Sepúlveda, alongside Governor Hochul, stands ready to work collaboratively to ensure the welfare of all who seek refuge within our borders.