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It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development. I am pleased to submit the Committee's 2016 Annual Report.

During the past year, my first as Committee Chair, it was a particular privilege to visit affordable housing developments statewide, work with industry partners in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, as well as to meet with residents directly impacted by our work.

The Committee's collaborative efforts have afforded the opportunity to further our goals to create and preserve safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for all New Yorkers. We have also acted to promote homeownership, create a business- friendly environment and revitalize our communities. In addition to the Committee's legislative activities, we were also grateful to have the Commissioner and CEO of New York State Homes and Community Renewal, James S. Rubin, appear before us to inform our decision- making efforts.

I would like to extend thanks to my colleagues on the Committee for the benefit of their expertise and commitment to affordable housing and community development. They have been invaluable partners in Albany, as well as through their work locally to advance these goals. Affordable housing is critical to improving quality of life, building stable communities and investing in our State's economic future.

I look forward to continuing our work in this regard.

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