Senator Daphne Jordan advocates for landlords

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Urgent need to rectify serious programmatic deficiencies of the State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I write advocating on a matter of the utmost and urgent importance to countless landlords across New York State, and especially my 43rd Senate District, many of whom are struggling financially because of the unintended consequences of a state policy.

Specifically, I request that your administration take immediate action to address the serious, significant, and systematic shortcomings that have been identified within the State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

While this measure was initially well-intentioned – and supposed to provide economic relief to help low and moderate-income households at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance, and utility arrears assistance – the initiative's real-world deficiencies have severely financially hurt small landlords. Over a

Today, NYS Senator Daphne Jordan wrote to Governor Cuomo urging his Administration to finally fix the problems with a state program that's supposed to be helping landlords. Senator Jordan shared in her letter that she has heard from countless landlords in her 43rd Senate District, and all across the state, regarding the financial devastation they are facing due to COVID-19, the economic downturn, and state programs that are hurting, not helping. Senator Jordan noted that landlords are small businesses, face incredible financial hardships and that some landlords have not been paid rent, or received state relief, for 17 months! You

can read Senator Jordan's letter attached to this posting as a pdf.