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SENATOR RACHEL MAY AND SENATOR JOHN W. MANNION ANNOUNCE \$70 THOUSAND TO ASSIST HOMEOWNERS FACING FORECLOSURE

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator Rachel May (D-Syracuse) and Senator John W. Mannion (D-Geddes) today announced \$70 thousand in grant money has been awarded to non-profit housing and community development organization and certified community development financial institution Home HeadQuarters, Inc. to assist homeowners facing foreclosure. The money will help Central New Yorkers navigate the legal system, offset various filing fees associated with the foreclosure process, and provides for more financial counseling services.

Senator Rachel May said, "I'm proud to have secured this funding for Home HeadQuarters for their foreclosure assistance programs. Our communities have been significantly impacted by the pandemic and face continuing hardship. I've heard from many constituents who are worried about foreclosure in the upcoming months. Organizations like HHQ can help Central New Yorkers navigate the complex foreclosure process and work to stay in their homes."

Senator John W. Mannion said, "Preventing foreclosure and keeping Central New Yorkers in their homes benefits our social fabric, protects families and young people, and helps those facing tough times get back on their feet. I'm proud to support strong community organizations like Home HeadQuarters and help provide needed resources for our neighbors – including so many who are still facing unprecedented challenges from the pandemic."

The funding secured by Senator May and Senator Mannion will be used to create Central New York's first pool of money to assist homeowners with court filing fees. As courts open back up, there is an anticipated increase in foreclosure filings, which make this funding all the more important.

"We are thrilled to be receiving these funds in Central New York that will help us guide homeowners through a complex foreclosure system," said **Amanda Pascall, a HUD-certified Housing and Foreclosure Prevention Counselor at Home HeadQuarters.** "We look forward to working with our legal partners as we all ramp up to serve homeowners impacted financially by COVID. While we wait for court mandated moratoriums to end, homeowners are being directed to visit the Syracuse Financial Empowerment Center, a free counseling service that helps homeowners get their finances in order. We thank Senator May and Senator Mannion for their continued support and leadership as we work to stem foreclosures and keep Central New Yorkers in their homes."

If you are facing foreclosure for any reason there are resources to help. Visit www.homehq.org for more information.

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