



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

September 1, 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul
2nd Floor
State Capitol Building
Albany NY, 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write to urge you to call a special session of the State Legislature so we may address the migrant crisis that is rapidly growing in our state.

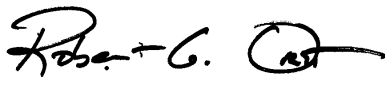
Since May, we have seen a surge of migrants who were welcomed to New York thanks to sanctuary city policies, be shipped throughout our state to communities that lack the resources to house them. There has been little to no transparency or communication regarding the placement of this population or the funding related to their placement, our local resources are being drained and not only chaos, but danger, are unfolding before our eyes.

The Legislature must take action. We must vote to approve any funding for New York City or other localities in the State that are looking for assistance from the state government, clarify that “right to shelter” laws do not apply broadly throughout our state and similarly, declare that New York is not a sanctuary state. Additionally, we must ensure local control by both clarifying that local states of emergency supersede state ones and preventing migrants from being relocated throughout the state without the express agreement of the impacted localities and the proper relocation processes in place. We must also pass legislation that protects our youth and vulnerable populations from being affected in order to house migrants.

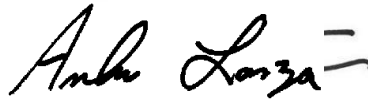
As we have said from the beginning, this crisis is not going away any time soon and it is our responsibility to ensure that the hardworking taxpayers of New York State, who we represent, are protected.

We thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter and look forward to working with you to expeditiously address these concerns.

Sincerely,



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Senate Minority Leader
62nd District



Senator Andrew Lanza
24th District



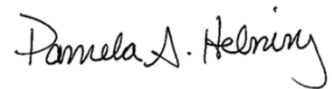
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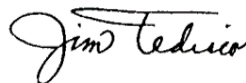
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43rd District



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7th District



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38th District



Senator Rob Rolison
39th District



Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick
9th District

cc: Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Honorable Carl Heastie