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The Honorable John Flanagan
Temporary President, NYS Senate
Room 330, State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable Jeffrey D. Klein
Independent Democratic Conference Leader
Legislative Office Building, Room 913
Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Democratic Caucus Leader
Legislative Office Building, Room 907
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Legislative Leaders:

We write to seek your support for including funding in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget for the Settlement House Program, which provides funding for 48 settlement houses across the state via the Office of Children and Family Services and Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Attached, please see a list of participating organizations. Past years' final budgets funded this program, but it has received no funding in this year's Executive Budget Proposal. We are advocating for restoring the funding and increasing the total amount to \$5 million.

Integrated into communities across New York State, settlement houses provide families and vulnerable populations comprehensive programming tailored to community needs, including job training and employment programs; literacy, arts, early childhood, and afterschool programs; mental health and home care; legal counseling; housing services and anti-homelessness programs; and senior services. As one of the few flexible funding sources for community-based organizations, the Settlement House Program provides vital programming threatened by diminishing local, state, and federal resources.



It is critical that New York State support the Settlement House Program to ensure settlement houses are empowered to respond more readily to the unique and evolving needs of their communities. We urge your strong support for \$5 million in funding in the final budget.

Sincerely,



Brian Kavanagh
State Senator
26th District

cc: The following Senate members join in this request:

Signatories:

Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.

Senator Marisol Alcantara

Senator Tony Avella

Senator Jamaal T. Bailey

Senator Neil Breslin

Senator Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.

Senator Martin Malavé Dilan

Senator Jess Hamilton

Senator Brad M. Hoylman

Senator Velmanette Montgomery

Senator Kevin Parker

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Senator Roxanne J. Persaud



Senator Gustavo Rivera

Senator Diane Savino

Senator Jose Serrano

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky

Senator David J. Valesky

Organizations funded through the Settlement House Program:

Arab-American Family Support Center
Baden Street Settlement of Rochester
Booker T. Washington Community Center
Broadway Housing Communities
BronxWorks
Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers
CAMBA
Charles Settlement House
Chinese-American Planning Council
Claremont Neighborhood Centers
Community Place of Greater Rochester
Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation
East Side House Settlement
Educational Alliance
Goddard Riverside Community Center
Grand Street Settlement
Henry Street Settlement
Hamilton-Madison House
Hudson Guild
Huntington Family Centers
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement
Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
Project Hospitality
Queens Community House
Riverdale Neighborhood House
SCAN-New York Volunteer Parent-Aids Association
School Settlement Association



SCO Family of Services
Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers
Spanish Action League on Onondaga County
Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center
Syracuse Model Neighborhood Facility
Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach
Southwest Area Neighborhood Association, Inc.
St. Nicks Alliance
Sunnyside Community Services
Syracuse Northeast Community Center
The Neighborhood Center
New Settlement Apartments
Trinity Alliance
United Community Centers
Union Settlement Association, Inc.
University Settlement Society of New York
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