

PROTECT *OUR SENIOR CENTERS*

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am very concerned that the state budget calls for certain changes in the allocation of Federal Title XX (20) funds. It would take \$25.2 million in funding that is used to support our city's senior centers and shift it to other holes in the state, resulting in the closure of 105 senior centers throughout New York City.

Senior centers are second homes for many in the senior community. They give us seniors a sense of community and offer us critical core services such as meals, activities and education. In a time when we seniors are facing many hardships, it is deeply important to us that we continue to have a place where we can go to connect and form bonds with people our age.

We understand that the state is in an economic crisis that calls for fiscal prudence. While we applaud your efforts to balance the budget, we feel that during this crisis, these plans could negatively affect local centers and put many seniors at risk. We ask that you please reconsider your proposal, which could endanger these indispensable centers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Senior Center Name _____

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