



# New York State Legislature

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor  
The State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
New York State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As state and local elected officials, we are alarmed by the increasing magnitude of homelessness throughout New York State, along with the human and financial costs to our communities. We call on you to initiate a new program to combat the wave of displacement that is driving large numbers of families and individuals into homelessness each and every day.

Specifically, we call on you to establish the Home Stability Support (HSS) program. HSS will be a new statewide, State-funded rent supplement to bridge the difference between the public assistance shelter allowance and the Federal Fair Market Rent Standard.

HSS is designed to assist families and individuals on public assistance that are currently homeless or are facing a loss of housing due to eviction, domestic violence, or hazardous conditions.

HSS is the most cost-effective solution for preventing homelessness and is the only policy that will stop the rapid growth of the homeless crisis in New York State.

The homeless crisis has reached a critical juncture, and the costs to our communities are unsustainable. It is time to boldly and sufficiently attack the growth of the homeless crisis. Please see detailed recommendations at [HomeStabilitySupport.com](http://HomeStabilitySupport.com).

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Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

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