



Memo in Support of S.2375/A.1620

Re: A. 1620 (HEVESI, BARRON, GOTTFRIED, D'URSO, BRAUNSTEIN, ORTIZ, BARNWELL, QUART, NIOU, PAULIN, ENGLEBRIGHT, SIMON, ROZIC, MOSLEY, LUPARDO, SIMOTAS, RA, B. MILLER, HUNTER, O'DONNELL, GIGLIO, ABINANTI, DICKENS, RAIA, SEAWRIGHT, JAFFEE, FAHY, M. G. MILLER, WEPRIN, PEOPLES-STOKES, JEAN-PIERRE, AUBRY, DENDEKKER, VANEL, M. L. MILLER, COLTON, CYMBROWITZ, TAYLOR, SANTABARBARA, GARBARINO, GUNTHER, CRESPO, DE LA ROSA, RAMOS, ARROYO, WRIGHT, BLAKE, PICHARDO, BENEDETTO, DAVILA, COOK, LIFTON, RIVERA, STIRPE, BICHOTTE, JOYNER, FERNANDEZ, BARRETT, KOLB, DILAN, DINOWITZ, FINCH, MORINELLO, PHEFFER AMATO, THIELE, EPSTEIN, RYAN, L. ROSENTHAL, REYES, EICHENSTEIN, BRONSON, PRETLOW, D. ROSENTHAL, BUTTENSCHON, MCDONALD, BLANKENBUSH, PALMESANO, JONES, HYNDMAN, ASHBY, OTIS, JACOBSON, WILLIAMS, ABBATE, RODRIGUEZ, CRUZ, PERRY, ZEBROWSKI, KIM, FALL, RICHARDSON, TITUS, LAVINE, ROMEO, CARROLL, GLICK, BURKE, WOERNER, NOLAN, WALKER, DARLING, FRONTUS, GANTT, MAGNARELLI, MCMAHON, SAYEGH, STEC, STECK, STERN, WALLACE; M-S: BRABANEC, CAHILL, DESTEFANO, DIPIETRO, FITZPATRICK, FRIEND, GALEF, GRIFFIN, LENTOL, MAKTELOW, MCDONOUGH, MONTESANO, SALKA, SOLAGES, TAGUE, WALSH)

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Human.nyc strongly supports Home Stability Support (HSS), which when passed, will both prevent and reduce homelessness. We support HSS because it would reduce the cost burden on emergency shelters, which tend to be both more expensive and less comfortable for people who experience homelessness. Now, the shelter population in New York City currently at a record-high. HSS would reduce the burden on the city's shelter system, and thus free up resources that could be used for proven solutions like safe havens and supportive housing.

With that, HSS both saves money and enhances the lives of New Yorkers. For those two reasons alone, we support HSS.

As an organization who works with people living on the streets, we see firsthand the physical and emotional consequences that come with sleeping rough. We believe HSS would have an indirect impact on the street homeless population by freeing up city resources that could then be used to better support people living on the streets. At this point, the city is spending upwards of \$2 billion per year on homeless services, with the majority of that going to the shelter system.

Life on the streets is dangerous. People experiencing unsheltered homelessness are statistically prone to serious health problems and to being victims of crime. The most recent “Homeless Deaths Report” in New York City shows that 37% of New Yorkers experiencing homelessness who passed away last year were non-sheltered, despite the fact that only 5% of homeless New Yorkers are unsheltered. The disproportionate rate in which people experiencing homelessness on the streets die is alarming. HSS would help people move into housing, free up city dollars, and allow the city to better invest in addressing street homelessness.

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