



**Memorandum in Support:
Home Stability Support (HSS) S.2375 (Krueger)/ A.1620 (Hevesi)
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The Supportive Housing Network of New York, a statewide nonprofit membership organization representing over 200 nonprofits that develop and operate supportive housing in New York State, supports the Home and Stability Support Program, which proposes to use federal and state funds to significantly increase housing subsidies for people on public assistance who are homeless or at risk of homelessness: those facing eviction, people experiencing domestic violence and those in hazardous living situations. HSS would stem the tide of families and individuals entering the homelessness system by bridging the gap between current subsidy levels and at least 85% of fair market rent. HSS's impact on reducing the number of families and individuals who are 'economically homeless' – that is, entering the system simply because rent increases have far outstripped wage increases – will allow the City and State to focus their resources on creating supportive housing for the very most vulnerable homeless: people who have been homeless for an extended period of time and cope with additional disabling conditions including mental illness, addiction and chronic illness.

The Network's mission is to help our nonprofit members end homelessness among the most vulnerable New Yorkers through the creation and maintenance of sufficient supportive housing across New York State. We work with all sectors – public, private and nonprofit – to ensure supportive housing's quality and proliferation through advocacy, policy analysis, training, technical assistance and public education.