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Honorable Sheldon Silver
Speaker of the Assembly
250.Broadway, Suite 2300
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Silver:

It is no secret that there is a housing crisis in New York City as well as in many states across the nation. The lack of housing for low and moderate income people is pathetic. Adequate housing must be a priority. The homeless population is growing for both elderly as well as young families. Money and plans must be put into action immediately to solve this problem. Rent regulations for both rent stabilized and rent controlled apartments must be strengthened. Tenants cannot afford to pay the exorbitant yearly increases that they face. In addition, rent controlled tenants must have a voice in this process. Hearings must be held.

The cap on SCRIE must also be raised so that more struggling seniors can afford to pay their rent and have financial stability and a decent quality of life. In addition, SCRIE should also be extended to disabled persons who are under 62 and cannot work.

All of our lawmakers, city, state and federal, must work together to resolve this crisis. Tenants are in dire need of stronger rent protections. New York residents should not have to choose between purchasing food, medication, or housing.

Please let me know what your plans for housing are this year.

Thank you,

Name _____

Address _____