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### **Addressed to**

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Statement of Importance  
regarding the Proposal sent to  
The Ontario County Board  
Of Supervisors and State

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Good Evening,

My name is Jacob Welch, I am an Ontario County resident and live in the small city of Canandaigua New York. I am writing this letter in hopes that after you have read the Data package I sent you all, along with the Ontario county 24-hour shelter for homeless populations proposal, and the proposal for a New York State Department of Housing Services. This department would take charge of providing, running, and contracting services, financial aid, and growth opportunities to already established Shelters, community not-for-profit agencies, and newly built Homeless shelters under the department, such as the one being proposed in Ontario County NY, before your committees, and the Board of Supervisors.

I am committed as I hope you all are, to make services that are accessible, manageable, and reliable for the public to utilize when needed. Unfortunately, some communities within New York State, have not been able to meet the accessible, manageable, and reliable expectations, which has made it very difficult for residents throughout NY, over the years, to obtain the services they need to be able to successfully reintegrate back into their communities. Acknowledging the problem and not just voicing our concerns, but when acting on them, is what will make the changes needed in the right direction for everyone.

So what's the problem, well when looking at the data packet I sent you all. The problem is quite clear, **it's the lack of Low-Income housing establishments, Homeless shelter programs, and shelters 24-hour residential establishments, while not having enough increase in funding for not-for-profit, Local, and County Human and Social service departments and agencies, across the New York State communities. In addition to having unrealistic and poor policies regarding regulations for low-income populations, basic eligibility requirements for approval for one's low-income housing assistance.**

So what can and should you as the state officials, and we as the residents and county officials, do to fix the problem we've just together acknowledged, **I think responding to the resolution the County Board of supervisors has sent to the State is a great start, followed by requesting funding from the State and Federal Government, before the 2023 year for funding is up to**

**establish an NYS Department of housing services and the 24 hours shelter, to start addressing these concerns that have become humanitarian health issues. In addition to reconstructing realistic and goal-originated eligibility expectations for already established rental assistance programs such as HUD, HUD-VASH, and other forms of rental assistance. Not allowing Money, profit, feelings, titles, and political power to get in the way of the approval process is another great way to move things along promptly.** While paying attention to details like Economic growth opportunities, decrease in crime casualties, poverty, and addiction rates. And the increase in stability, profit, and safety.

So why is something like this so hard to get passed? Well, let's be honest, money is always something that committees have to look at while deciding if this new department and programs within the department are going to be in the best interest of the State, residents, and other forms of businesses. The answer is Yes, I would argue by taking homeless populations off the streets, you are shielding them from being innocent victims of violent crime, therefore decreasing the crime rate.

By establishing homeless shelters within the Department of housing services, You are lowering the rate of community theft, you are decreasing the level of drug and alcohol abuse, because the homeless populations can have the option to be connected to drug and alcohol-related services while receiving other housing services in homeless shelters, you're increasing the overall safety, value and profit of each community, when taking the vulnerable and investing in them to become contributing members of society. Last but most importantly you are creating, investing, and increasing the economic growth in communities by creating jobs when establishing the department and its shelters throughout the communities in NY.

After reading this, I hope this better helps you as community leaders, residents, State and county committee leaders, board members, and state officials, in making the right decision. Which in my opinion is to approve the proposals presented before you. By doing this you have spoken through your actions which often speak louder than words. This is an opportunity to show the many people who are struggling, that you care about the people's needs, struggles, and hardships. While making the effort to improve the services, and lives of those who are struggling.