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Good evening,

My name is Jacob Welch, I am sure by now you all know who I am. I am reaching out to you. In hopes to redirect your attention to our need to address the housing and homeless shelter shortage epidemic. More than ever now. It is in my option that we need you as county leaders and representatives to act. Our lack of housing and homeless services and resources is alarming. I have stated, represented and shown to you all, through my past data analyzation and documentation, the seriousness behind this issue. While providing a comprehensive proposal plan on county and New York State levels, to combat the lack of shelter services within Ontario County.

I want to bring several key ideal concerns to your attention. In the past 5 years there has been a significant increase in community business and housing development here in Canandaigua, south Bristol and other parts of Ontario county, This attracts new comers, while showing off great potential in increasing the population rates within ontario county. Another key aspect to consider is, there are legal immigrants and asylum seekers that have been granted to stay in the United states.

Many of these immigrants and Asylum seekers have found Shelter and resources in big cities like New York City. However NYC is experiencing overpopulation rates of these newcomers, and have started to spread them out through NY State. As a result, many counties have declared a state of emergency. Should Onatrio be a location of interest for immigrants, asylum seekers, American citizens, newcomers, and or already established Ontario County Residents looking to start a new future for themselves. What are we going to Do?

I ask this question, because how can we as a county help these new potential comers,that are drawn by the increase in community, business and housing development, and community and family like structure, have there basic Humanitarian needs are meet, such has Housing and other forms of social, educational and personal development services.

How can we do this, when we lack Housing and homeless shelter services for low income families in ontario county, Who may have been waiting for years, and months for established housing. How can we

provide and or offer services to established and or new potential residences, when we do not have affordable, enough and or non of these services to give and or offer.

This is why I am urging the Board of supervisors to request a collaborative resolution in New York State, in hopes to start the process to remedy this issue. If the board sees fit to promote my comprehensive Housing and Homeless shelter plan to the state while seeking a resolution request from the state, I would be honored.

Here is some potential concerns to consider:

Canandaigua NY population:

Below are dates to show the rates of population increase and decreases. It is in my opinion that Ontario county does not direct their attention to the housing and Homeless, concerns. The rate of people is not the only thing that will dererat Business and other forms of investments will go elsewhere. To ensure stability for their investments. This will hurt cities' economies like Canandaigua, Victor, Geneva and other towns throughout Ontario county.

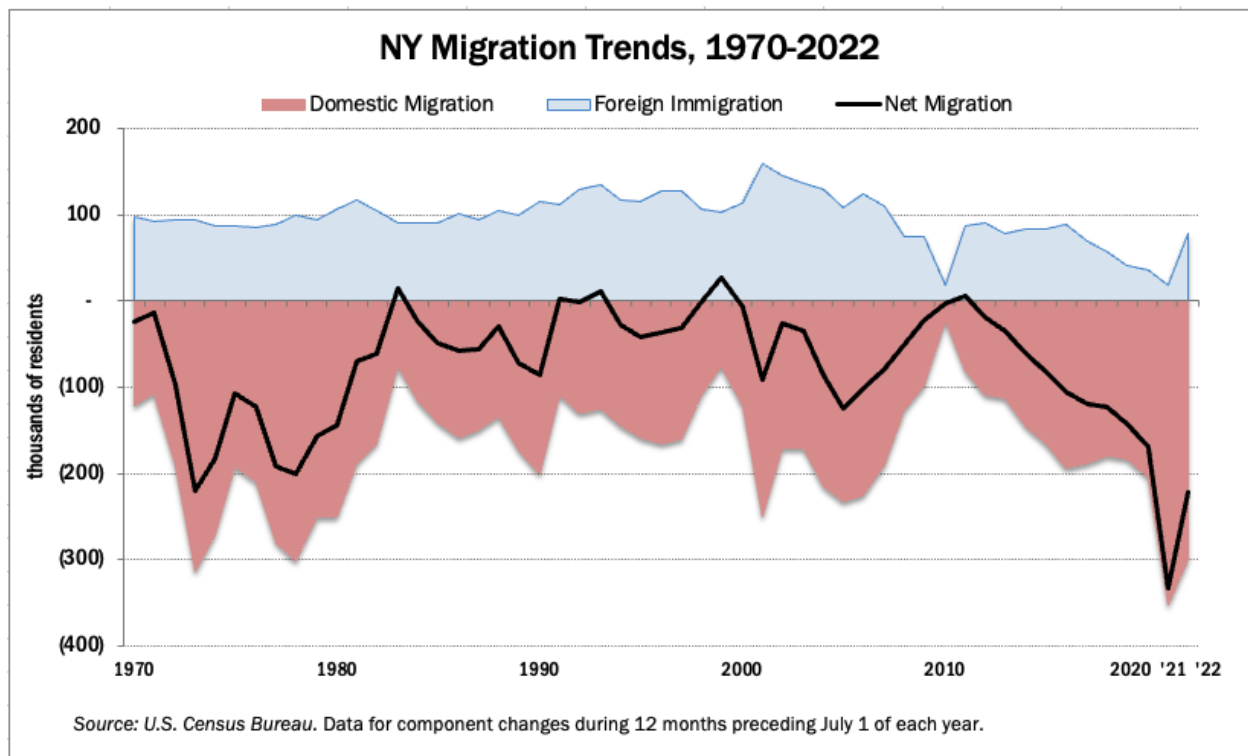
This may have further consequences, such as increase of crime, decrease in employment rates, increase in mental health, decrease in educational services and a loss of protection from emergency and safety services due to lack of funding and taxpayer contribution. If there is a significant decline and or abandonment rate from townes and cities from populations of people leaving, do to lack of basic housing services and resources while a focus of homeless shelter services not being prioritized, business, education, employment, safety and emergency services rates will drop significantly, causing crime and other forms of preventable Human made disasters and consequences to increase.

Dates:	Length of time between dates	population Number:
1990	10 years	10,865
2000	10 years	11,343
2010	10 years	10,557
2019	10 years	10,119
2021	10 years	10,526

Ontario County population: 112,508 (2021)

New York State saw the largest annual numeric and percent decline in its population between July 2021 and July 2022, dropping by 180,341 people. Overall, That's a 0.9% decrease in people living in New York, based on the bureau report. New York in the last two years has seen a sharp drop in its

population, losing more than 400,000 people during that time. Between these two dates, **If you go back to April 2020, over a half-million Empire State residents moved out of New York State.**



New York State's population declined from mid-2021 to Mid-2022 was driven by a net domestic migration outflow of 299,577 residents, meaning nearly 300,000 more people moved out of New York, then moved in from other states during the previous 12 months. This was the State's second largest net domestic migration loss on record, exceeded only by a net outflow of 314,153 in 1973. Over the combined two year period, New York State, lost a net 651,742 Residents to other states, exceeding the combined populations of Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. The latest numbers indicate the outflow of New Yorkers triggered by covid-19 pandemic, in 2021, that continued well into 2022. New York's population decline accounted for 82 percent of the Northeast region's total net population decline of 218,000. Pennsylvania had the second largest population drop, while the largest gains came from Maine and New Hampshire.

Components of Migration, 2021-22

12-month change as of July 1, 2022

	Foreign Immigration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²	Total	Rate ¹	Rank ²
Alabama	4,597	0.1%	49	28,609	0.6%	16	33,206	0.7%	17
Alaska	2,371	0.3%	13	-6,126	-0.8%	46	-3,755	-0.5%	46
Arizona	22,219	0.3%	16	70,984	1.0%	7	93,203	1.3%	6
Arkansas	3,314	0.1%	45	18,209	0.6%	15	21,523	0.7%	16
California	125,715	0.3%	14	-343,230	-0.9%	47	-217,515	-0.6%	47
Colorado	10,366	0.2%	34	5,376	0.1%	23	15,742	0.3%	24
Connecticut	16,296	0.5%	5	-13,547	-0.4%	39	2,749	0.1%	32
Delaware	2,451	0.2%	24	11,826	1.2%	5	14,277	1.4%	5
District of Columbia	4,558	0.7%	1	-3,647	-0.5%	42	911	0.1%	28
Florida	125,629	0.6%	3	318,855	1.5%	3	444,484	2.1%	1
Georgia	27,285	0.3%	21	81,406	0.8%	12	108,691	1.0%	12
Hawaii	5,785	0.4%	9	-15,212	-1.0%	49	-9,427	-0.6%	48
Idaho	1,844	0.1%	46	28,639	1.5%	2	30,483	1.6%	3
Illinois	31,529	0.2%	25	-141,656	-1.1%	50	-110,127	-0.9%	50
Indiana	15,490	0.2%	26	5,230	0.1%	25	20,720	0.3%	23
Iowa	9,348	0.3%	17	-7,292	-0.2%	33	2,056	0.1%	34
Kansas	5,484	0.2%	32	-7,409	-0.3%	34	-1,925	-0.1%	36
Kentucky	4,455	0.1%	48	10,420	0.2%	20	14,875	0.3%	22
Louisiana	8,106	0.2%	35	-46,672	-1.0%	48	-38,566	-0.8%	49
Maine	2,525	0.2%	33	11,600	0.9%	10	14,125	1.0%	11
Maryland	23,756	0.4%	11	-45,101	-0.7%	44	-21,345	-0.3%	45
Massachusetts	43,880	0.6%	2	-57,292	-0.8%	45	-13,412	-0.2%	41
Michigan	18,812	0.2%	31	-8,482	-0.1%	29	10,330	0.1%	31
Minnesota	14,194	0.2%	23	-19,400	-0.3%	37	-5,206	-0.1%	37
Mississippi	1,593	0.1%	51	-5,716	-0.2%	30	-4,123	-0.1%	39
Missouri	10,058	0.2%	39	5,024	0.1%	24	15,082	0.2%	26
Montana	1,801	0.2%	36	16,003	1.5%	4	17,804	1.6%	4
Nebraska	4,018	0.2%	29	-4,270	-0.2%	32	-252	0.0%	35
Nevada	10,163	0.3%	12	20,781	0.7%	14	30,944	1.0%	13
New Hampshire	3,900	0.3%	18	6,303	0.5%	17	10,203	0.7%	15
New Jersey	39,388	0.4%	7	-64,231	-0.7%	43	-24,843	-0.3%	44
New Mexico	5,893	0.3%	19	-4,504	-0.2%	31	1,389	0.1%	33
New York	77,923	0.4%	10	-299,557	-1.5%	51	-221,634	-1.1%	51
North Carolina	26,430	0.3%	22	99,796	1.0%	8	126,226	1.2%	9
North Dakota	1,268	0.2%	40	-2,710	-0.3%	38	-1,442	-0.2%	40
Ohio	24,112	0.2%	30	-9,165	-0.1%	28	14,947	0.1%	29
Oklahoma	5,737	0.1%	42	26,791	0.7%	13	32,528	0.8%	14
Oregon	7,026	0.2%	37	-17,331	-0.4%	40	-10,305	-0.2%	43
Pennsylvania	26,741	0.2%	28	-39,957	-0.3%	36	-13,216	-0.1%	38
Rhode Island	2,799	0.3%	20	-5196	-0.5%	41	-2,397	-0.2%	42
South Carolina	10,654	0.2%	27	84,030	1.6%	1	94,684	1.8%	2
South Dakota	2,781	0.3%	15	8,424	0.9%	9	11,205	1.3%	8
Tennessee	8,096	0.1%	44	81,646	1.2%	6	89,742	1.3%	7
Texas	118,614	0.4%	8	230,961	0.8%	11	349,575	1.2%	10
Utah	5,414	0.2%	38	12,898	0.4%	18	18,312	0.6%	18
Vermont	1,012	0.2%	41	1,141	0.2%	21	2,153	0.3%	21
Virginia	37,692	0.4%	6	-23,952	-0.3%	35	13,740	0.2%	27
Washington	37,512	0.5%	4	-3580	0.0%	27	33,932	0.4%	19
West Virginia	1,773	0.1%	47	474	0.0%	26	2,247	0.1%	30
Wisconsin	8,174	0.1%	43	7,657	0.1%	22	15,831	0.3%	25
Wyoming	342	0.1%	50	2,152	0.4%	19	2,494	0.4%	20

1 Rate is percentage of 2020 Census estimates base

2 Rate ranked from highest to lowest

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

CITY AND STATE REPORT CARD

	NEW YORK CITY	NEW YORK STATE	
Meeting the Needs of Unsheltered New Yorkers			
Equipping Outreach Teams with Necessary Resources	D	D-	
Access to Low-Barrier Shelters	C+	F	
Access to Psychiatric Services	D	F	
Housing for Unsheltered Individuals	D	F	
Restroom Access for Unsheltered Individuals	F	F	
Protecting the Rights of Unsheltered Individuals	D	F	
	Shelters for Single Adults	Shelters for Adult Families	Shelters for Families with Children
The Shelter System			
Access to Shelters	C+	D-	D-
Shelter Conditions and Enforcement	D	D-	D-
Shelter Design	F	D	B
Services in Shelters	D+	D+	C+
Housing Search Assistance	D	F	D
	NEW YORK CITY	NEW YORK STATE	
Housing			
Affordable Housing for Extremely Low-Income and Homeless New Yorkers	F	F	
Supportive Housing and Licensed Housing for Adults with Serious Mental Illnesses	C	D	
Housing Vouchers and Stability	B	D+	
Enforcement Against Discrimination in Housing	C+	C-	
	NEW YORK CITY	NEW YORK STATE	
Homelessness Prevention			
Rental Assistance	B+	C+	
Eviction Prevention	A	C-	
Institutional Discharge Policies	C-	F	

What's the end Goal: the end goal is to improve and prolong human life while providing adequate services and resource opportunities to the homeless and low income population. While investing and enhancing one's knowledge, education, safety, and overall growth in one's community and home. There are way too many people that are homeless right now, some because of their own choice, but mostly because of circumstances that they could not control, such as inflation, and the housing crisis, many New Yorkers can not afford housing because of poor government spending, reckless policies, lack of housing services and the choice of having to choose between essentials things such as gas, rent, food and or other community outreach supportive services. .

Well working at the VA and At my Organization, I've seen so many of our veterans and civilians suffer financially, emotionally, and even physically because they're forced to go back to work when they shouldn't be because of health reasons or other relative factors. My goal tonight is to obtain this board's support in the State increasing their financial and developmental support in all 62 counties. I have not come here to ask for money but to ask for your help in aiding me to hold our state and the federal government accountable in participating in providing our county's residents the chance to receive the help they need. My goal is to establish at least one shelter in each county that provides supportive referral services to their community, government, and faith agencies. The New York State Department Of Housing Services goal and mission is to be the center hub for the new housing shelter services throughout the 62 counties, while creating supportive funding and contract opportunities for established Shelters, agencies, and DHS programs across the State. Change starts with the ones who care and have the power to do something to change the outcome for the better. That is you as officials, that's me as someone who brings ideas and is eager for change. The state will not allow this idea to move forward unless it has the support of the Ontario County Board Of Supervisors. Change is not easy but together we can make the first step in the right direction.

Ontario County Department Of Housing Services(DHS)- this department would work with Ontario residents that were facing homelessness and or about to be Homeless, due to inflation, and other factors that may play into why Ontario county residents may be struggling, resulting in becoming homeless. While working with our clients based on their needs DHS, would either enroll them in our temporary 24 hours around the clock- 6- 12 month home-like residential Shelter program. where they would obtain supportive assistance through Ontario County Workforce Development, Ontario ARC access VR, Ontario County Department Of Social Services (DSS), and or Case management services. While taking advantage of Community services, food pantries, and other forms of supportive services through other agencies. that can assist them in obtaining rental assistance while having a place to sleep, eat and be safe. While at the shelter they can work with our resource counselors and Program manager for assistance in obtaining referrals to the services they may need well, working with HUD apartment housing outlets services and Case Managers.

If an Ontario County resident can maintain their home, a resource Counselor can support them by assisting a family and or person fill out paperwork to receive rental assistance while referring them to

other needed services of their interest, the resource counselor can even go with the family to an agency such as Ontario County Department of social services and or community agency while advocating for there supportive services and needs. The program manager can assist a family if they don't have a car, to and from their service appointments as long it is related to housing and it's a 24-hour notice in advance of a scheduled appointment.

(New York State Department); Of Housing Services (DHS) This department would be the center hub for all the shelters under the DHS, throughout the 62 counties within New York State, this department would provide assistance to already established Shelters, agencies, local DHS programs as well as newly built shelters Under the New York State Department Of Housing services. Services this department can offer are funding, Contract opportunities with other Social Services. Human services and community and Government agencies, while building partnership contract relations with other Federal, State, and county agencies throughout New York about housing Services. The Department of Housing Services hopes to establish at least one shelter in each County for county residents to take advantage of services without feeling ashamed to ask for and receive housing support to reintegrate back into the community into their own homes while having supportive services to utilize should they feel they need additional housing support.

I believe that we need to be unified while being very direct when it comes to communicating to the State legislation and State representatives, on what services, funding, and other forms or resources are needed when it comes to creating stability while, establishing and increasing services, resources and decreasing the income basic level of eligibility and regulations for the Low-income and homeless population.

Ontario County struggles in providing homeless and temporary housing services, as well as many other small counties. Not because we don't care, but because there is not enough funding, housing, temporary assistance, and homeless shelter services to the ratio of community residents looking for these supports. Family Promise Of Ontario County is the only Homeless shelter available throughout Ontario county. Their agency only has one shelter and is often full with no open availability. More than ever now. It is in my option that we need you as county leaders and representatives to act. Our lack of housing and homeless services and resources is alarming. I have stated, represented and shown to you all, through my past data analyzation and documentation, the seriousness behind this issue. While providing a comprehensive proposal plan on county and New York State levels, to combat the lack of shelter services within Ontario County.

We all have a choice, we can either act, or do nothing, if we act, and collaboratively can show results, I would say that would be in the greater interest of ontario counties future and stability, However if we choice to do nothing and or wait too long to act, many of these things as this document suggestions will happen, Many of these things have already started. I am willing, able and committed to work with each and everyone who is willing to participate on all levels in the community, government and outreach services.

