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**Addressed to:**

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State and federal Officials  
County, State and Federal committees*

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*Good evening,*

**Picture it:** A family of 4, a young couple. Married for 5 years, come to Ontario county, they decide Canandaigua and or Geneva are places to consider to move with their 2 children. Upon arriving, they are pulled in by the upbeat and family-like structure throughout Canandaigua and Geneva. However when looking at rental housing options they quickly realize that they can not afford to maintain the high housing prices and or seem to find housing availability due to the lack of housing affordability and development, throughout Canandaigua and Geneva. This causes them to consider looking in another state or different county that may provide these basic necessities that one should be entitled to.

**Picture it:** A single parent, with 2 kids, lives in Canandaigua, she's homeless, and sleeps in her vehicle. She receives \$1,345.00 in Social Security benefits. The average rent in Canandaigua is \$1,464.00. She has no family, relatives and or friends that will help. Ontario County Social Services tells her, we are unable to help you in low income housing because she makes too much and Ontario county has no shelters and limited housing options. Community outreach programs like salvation army and catholic charities, cant provide rental assistance, or security deposit financial aid, due to running out of money.

**Picture It:** NYC, has an overflow of immigration and asylum seekers that are in need of housing. Many of which have been looking outside of New York City, Due to the overpopulation. This has caused major concerns with other surrounding counties, as they do not have the resources and or services to equip and support any newcomers from New York city, let alone their own residents, forcing them to declare state of emergencies.

The time is now, to start making these housing basic accommodation and developmental modifications changes. Our residents are entitled to have their basic needs met. While also ensuring that future potential Ontario County residences have affordable and sustainable housing resources and options available to them. I ask you all to consider the comprehensive housing proposal's I have submitted to you, while seeking to ask the state for a resolution in addressing this humanitarian crisis. It won't matter how many new personal and or community development projects are established if we can not provide basic human needs, this is and will be a huge turn off for potential and already established residences, causing them to leave, while looking for more affordable and sustainable housing options, resources and opportunities.

I will continue to build established collaborative relationships with local, County, State and federal resources and officials, to work towards creating a positive, effective and timely result. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, for concerns. Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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