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Hon. Kathy Hochul
Governor, State of New York
NYS State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Governor Hochul:

As you are aware, the Fiscal Year 2025 Enacted Budget included provisions to transition the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) to a single Statewide Fiscal Intermediary. Included in these provisions was language that exempts the contract for the Statewide Fiscal Intermediary from Comptroller approval under §112 of the State Finance Law.

We are writing to express significant concern regarding the lack of transparency and oversight over the Request for Proposal process for the new Statewide Fiscal Intermediary. Particularly concerning is the subjective nature of proposals being evaluated based on “best value” which obscures the fiscal ramifications of such a contract. As recently noted in a Comptroller report on the State Financial plan, “better information is needed on several areas of the budget, most notably Medicaid, to help understand cost drivers.” The removal of Comptroller approval of this contract runs contrary to this very clear need for increased data and information transparency within the Medicaid program. Transparency is a fundamental principle that must guide the contracting process to ensure proper accountability for the operation of this important Program.

Many vulnerable New Yorkers rely on CDPAP for their basic needs, so it is up to the State to ensure that this significant change to the Program is done openly and transparently for all stakeholders involved. We urge your Administration to collaborate with the Office of the State Comptroller to enhance transparency and strengthen oversight over this contract. Our



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constituents deserve nothing less than the highest standards of care and accountability, and it is our duty to uphold these standards to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,

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