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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of the State of New York
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We, the undersigned ___ nonprofit organizations and individuals from across the state, respectfully urge your approval of **S.7001 (Mayer)/A.7616 (Paulin)**, which passed both chambers **unanimously**. This essential legislation will reform New York State's Prompt Contracting Law and implement critical contracting reforms. The health and stability of New York's nonprofit sector — and the millions of residents we serve — depend on it.

Nonprofit organizations deliver vital services, at the direction of the state: early childhood education, mental health counseling, homeless housing, substance use treatment, legal services and cultural programming, to name just a few. We are extensions of the state's safety net. Yet, the current contracting system jeopardizes our ability to fulfill this role. Chronic contracting delays, inefficiencies and inconsistencies across agencies, burdensome processes, and reimbursements regularly delayed by six months or more totaling hundreds of millions of dollars are pushing New York's nonprofits to the breaking point.

A recently released white paper from the Human Services Council, the New York Council of Nonprofits, the New York Legal Services Coalition, Nonprofit New York, and Nonprofit Westchester, titled "[Nonprofits in Peril](#)" emphasizes the detrimental effects these challenges have on New York's nonprofit sector.

One heartbreaking example: "We have 'floated' this program with reserves for six months as we continue to wait on a contract, but are reaching the end of the line with our funds. Soon we will need to begin laying off the program's 11 staff and communicating to low-income residents that we cannot offer these vital services."

Additionally, a recent survey conducted among nonprofits throughout New York State, revealed that 33% of those with contracts with the state were owed funds for services already delivered – totaling at least \$58 million. Applying that finding to all contracts held by nonprofits, New York State may owe nonprofits more than \$650 million statewide.

This is money that has already been appropriated by the legislature, but for which payment has been delayed beyond current prompt contracting and payment law. Meanwhile, **65% of nonprofits report concern about funding basic operations in 2025**, up from 62% last year. Given the changes in the federal landscape, New York State's nonprofit organizations are even more critical to defending civil rights and providing safety net services. Nonprofits are being destabilized when New Yorkers need us the most.

The proposed legislation and administrative reforms would:

- Improve consistency in contracting across all agencies.
- Streamline contract renewals and improve timeliness.
- Clarify when nonprofits can expect payment schedules and ensure interest on late payments.
- Ensure automatic contract advances so that nonprofits do not have to take on unsustainable debt to front costs for essential services.
- Recognize and reimburse the real cost of delivering services, including overhead.
- Ensure nonprofits are not being penalized for minor errors in vouchers.

These changes are not only fair; they are essential to safeguard the continuity of life-saving services and to treat nonprofits as true partners, not afterthoughts.

Governor Hochul: **You have the power to right these wrongs. We ask you to prioritize and sign these bills this session.**

The future stability of nonprofit organizations, and the well-being of New York's most vulnerable residents, hangs in the balance.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening New York. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or to discuss further with your staff.

Sincerely,

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Human Services Council of New York
New York Council of Nonprofits
New York Legal Services Coalition
Nonprofit New York
Nonprofit Westchester

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A New Hope Center, Inc.
Acacia Network
Access Justice Brooklyn
ACCESS of WNY
Access to Independence of Cortland
County, Inc.
AccessCNY
ACR Health
Action for a Better Community Inc.
Action for Older Persons
Adirondack Community Foundation
Adirondack Diversity Initiative
Adirondack Economic Development Corp
Adirondack Foundation
Adirondack North Country Association
Advocates Incorporated
Albany Can Code, Inc
Alison Cook Beatty Dance
All Saints' Episcopal Church Soup &
Sandwich Saturday
Alliance of New York State YMCAs
Allyn Family Foundation
Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.
American Civic Association
Amperio NY
Arab American Family Support Center
Arbor Hill Development Corporation
Arts Business Collaborative
Asian American Arts Alliance
Autism Society Greater Hudson Region
Ballston Area Community Center
Better Outcomes Consulting
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BLAST Presents @The Cider Mill Stage
Bloomingdale School of Music
Booker T. Washington Community Ctr., Inc.
Boughton Place
Bounce Marketing & Consulting
Boundless Studio Consulting
Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle
Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse

Braata Productions Inc
Brady Faith Center
Brain Injury Association of New York State
BRIDGES
Bridges For Brain Injury
Bright Hill Press & Literary Center
Bronx-Westchester Area Health Education
Center
BronxWorks
Brooklyn Center for Independence of the
Disabled (BCID)
Brooklyn Defender Services
Broome County Arts Council
Broome County Urban League
Brunch N Bible Study, Inc.
Build Up Justice NYC
C Love Foundation
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Campus and Community Children's Center
Cantata Singers of the Southern Finger
Lakes
CAPITAL AREA PEER SERVICES INC,
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Capital Roots
Capital Roots, Inc.
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Catholic Charities Community Services of
Rockland County
Catholic Charities of Cortland County
Catholic Charities of Onondaga County
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany
Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York
Catskill Center for Independence
Catskill Mountain Foundation
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.
Causewave Community Partners
Cazenovia Children's House
CCE Ulster County
CEK RN Consulting, Inc.
Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.
Center for Elder Law & Justice

Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc.
Center for Family Life in Sunset Park
Center for Independence of the Disabled,
New York (CIDNY)
Centerfor Family Life in Sunset Park, Inc.
Central New York Area Health Education
Center
Central Oneida County Volunteer
Ambulance Corps
Cerebral Palsy of Westchester
ChamberQUEER Inc
Chances and Changes, Inc.
Charles Settlement House & Community
Place of Greater Rochester
Charlia Frank Inc.
charter school for educational excellence
Child and Family Services of Erie County
Child Care Council of Westchester
Children's Home of Poughkeepsie
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum
Citizens Concerned For Children, Inc.
City as Living Laboratory (CALL)
City Bar Justice Center
Clean+Healthy
Clemens Center
Cloudsplitter Foundation
CMIT Solutions White Plains
CNY Community Foundation
Coalition for Asian American Children and
Families
Coalition of Institutionalized Aged and
Disabled
Common Threads
Communities Resist
Community Emergency Corps
Community Foundation for South Central
NY
Community Foundation of Tompkins County
Community Help in Park Slope (CHIPS)
Community Housing Innovations
Community Resource Center
Community Rising Project
Compass House

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of
Rochester
Contact Community Services
Cooperative Federal
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess
County
Crime Victims Center, Inc.
Cypress Hills Local Development
Corporation Inc
Dance/NYC
Dancewave
Day One
Delaware Valley Opera Co.
Delhi Campus Child Care Center
Delphi Rise
Diaspora Community Services
Directions In Independent Living
Domestic Violence Project | Urban Justice
Center
Don Mullin
Donate Life New York State
Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman
Foundation
Double Entendre Music Ensemble
Drama Club, Inc.
Dutchess County Pride Center
Earlville Opera House, Inc.
Early Care & Learning Council
ECLI-VIBES
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Empire Clean Cities
Erie County Bar Association Volunteer
Lawyers Project
Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition
Essex Food Hub, Inc.
Exceptional Family Resources (ARISE)
FAIRNY
Families First in Essex County, Inc.
Family Counseling Service of the Finger
Lakes
Family Help Center
Family Services
Family Services Center for Victim Safety
and Support

Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.
Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.
Feeding Westchester
Field & Fork Network
Fifth Avenue Committee
Finger Lakes Independence Center
Food Bank of Central New York
Food Bank of the Southern Tier
Forthright Advising
Foundation of the Open Eye Theater
Four Way Books
Fractured Atlas
Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society
Fresh Youth Initiatives
Fresh Youth Initiatives, Inc.
Friends of Karen, Inc.
Friends of Music Concerts, Inc
Friends of Recovery NY
Friends of the Ward House Inc
Future for Oneonta Foundation, Inc.
Galvan Housing Resources
Geneva Music Festival
Geva Theatre
GLYS WNY & The Pride Center of WNY
Goddard Riverside
Grand Street Settlement
Grassi
Greater Mental Health of New York
Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra
Corporation
Greater Oneonta Historical Society
Green Options Buffalo
Greenwich House
Griffiss Institute
Hamilton-Madison House
HANAC, Inc.
Hands Across Long Island, Inc.
Harquin Graphics, Inc.
Health is home
Hearts & Homes for Refugees
Heights and Hills
Helping Celebrate Abilities
Henry Street Settlement
Herkimer Next, Inc.

Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors
Holocaust & Human Rights Education
Center
Homecrest Community Services Inc
Homeless Services United
Hope House, Inc.
Hope's Door
Housing Conservation Coordinators
Hubbard Hall Center for the Arts and
Education
Hudson River Watershed Alliance
Human Development Services of
Westchester
Human Services Coalition
Human Services Coalition of Tompkins
County
Hunger Solutions New York
Huntington Family Centers
Ibero-American Action League Inc.
IFCA Housing Network
iHealth, Inc.
IMMIGRATION ANALYSIS
Impact100 Westchester
Inclusive Saratoga, Inc.
Independent Living Center of the Hudson
Valley, Inc.
Indian Lake Theater
InterFaith Works of CNY
International Center of the Capital Region
InUnity Alliance
Isadora Duncan International Institute, Inc.
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement
JASA
Jewish Board of Family & Children's
Services
Jewish Community Council of Greater
Coney Island
Jewish Family Service of Orange County
Inc
Jewish Family Services of Northeastern
New York
Jewish Family Services of Rochester
Jewish Family Services of Western New
York

Johnson City Senior Center
Journeys End Refugee Services
JustCause
Justice for Families, LTD
Katonah Museum of Art
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Lackawanna Housing Development Corporation
Lakeview Health Services, Inc.
Land to Learn
Latino U College Access (LUCA)
Learning Bridge Solutions, Corp.
Learning Disabilities Association of CNY dba LAUNCH
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
Legal Services of Central New York, Inc.
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
Liberty Resources, Inc.
Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.
Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.
Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County
Little Essentials
LiveOn NY
Living Artist Society
Logan Strong Foundation
Long Island Arts Alliance
Long Island Children's Writers and Illustrators
Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
Los Pleneros de la 21
Ma-Yi Filipino Theatre Ensemble, Inc.
Makerspace NYC
Marist University
Meals on Wheels of Syracuse
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc.
Mencius Society for the Arts, Inc.
MHA Rochester
Midtown Kingston Arts District
Millay Arts
MMCC (Mosholu Montefiore Community Center)

Mobilization for Justice
Moonshot Initiative
Morningside Retirement and Health Services
Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc.
My Place Home for the Homeless, Inc
My Sisters' Place
NAACP Broome Tioga
nachas health and family network
NAMI Syracuse
NAMI Westchester, Inc.
Nathan's Butterflies
National Harm Reduction Coalition
National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House
Neighborhood SHOPP
Network for School Transportation Safety and Accessibility Advocacy, Inc.
New Beginnings MSC, Inc.
New Era Creative Space, Inc
New York Association on Independent Living
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault
New York City Children's Theater
New York Council on adoptable children
New York Kurdish Film Festival, Inc.
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
New York Legal Assistance Group
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
New York State Defenders Association
New York State Horse Council, Inc.
New York State Public Health Association
New York State Tourism Industry Association
New York StateWide Senior Action Council
Next
Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.
NMIC
Nonprofit Finance Fund

North Country Underground Railroad
Historical Association
North Fork Environmental Council
North of Main Binghamton, Inc.
North Side Learning Center of Syracuse
Northern Area Health Education Center
Northern Regional Center for Independent
Living
NSssa
NY Funders Alliance
NYC Family Policy Project
NYenvironcom
On Point for College
Onondaga Council on Alcoholism and
Addictions, Inc. dba Prevention Network
Open Space Institute
Orange County NY Arts Council
Ossining Children's Center
Otsego 2000, Inc.
Otsego Land Trust, Inc.
PA'LANTE Harlem
Parks & Trails New York
Partners in Nutrition LLC
Peconic Land Trust
Pendragon Theatre
Philanthropy New York
Pinnacle Community Services
Plan A Advisors
Planned Parenthood of Central & Western
NY
Poets & Writers
Possible Rochester | Possible Planet, a
501c3 nonprofit
Poughkeepsie Farm Project
Preservation Alumni
Prevent Child Abuse NY
Pride Center of the Capital Region
Project Guardianship
Project Renewal
Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.
REACH CNY, Inc.
Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley
Recovery Houses of Rochester, inc.
Red Hook Community Center

Redhouse Arts Center, Inc.
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Emmaus
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Emmaus, Inc.
Regional Economic Community Action
Program, Inc.
Resource Center for Accessible Living
Resource Center for Independent Living,
Inc.
Robin Hood
Rochester Hearing & Speech Center
Rochester Museum and Science Center
(RMSC)
Rochester Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children
Rochester Spinal Association
Roulette Intermedium, Inc.
Rural & Migrant Ministry Inc.
Rural Law Center of New York
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.
Safe Horizon
Safe Horizon, Inc.
Sag Harbor Cinema
Salem Art Works
Samaritan Center, Inc.
Samaritan Daytop Village, Inc
Saranac Lake ArtWorks
Saratoga center for the family
Saratoga Joinery
Sauti Yetu Center for African Women
Schweinfurth Art Center
Seaway Valley Prevention Council
Second Chance Foods
Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc.
Shelter chic
Sheltering the Homeless is Our
Responsibility/Interfaith Counsel for
Affordable Residence Inc.
Shelters of Saratoga
SLC Arts
SNAP
SOS Shelter DBA Rise-NY
Southern Adirondack Independent Living

Southern Tier Independence Center
Southwestern Independent Living Center,
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Spanish Action League of Onondaga
County, Inc. (La Liga)
SPARC, Inc.
St. Lawrence County Historical Association
St. Nicks Alliance
Staten Island Center for Independent Living
(SICIL)
Stony Kill Foundation, Inc.
Student Advocacy, Inc.
Student Assistance Services Corporation
Syracuse Northeast Community Center
Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc.
Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum
Taproot Collective, Inc.
Teaching While Queer
Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja
The Alliance for a Hunger Free NY
The Art of Brooklyn Film Festival
The Center for NYC Neighborhoods
The Cherry Arts, Inc.
The Children's Village
The Community Foundation for South
Central New York
The Door - A Center of Alternatives, Inc.
The Dorothy and Marshall M Reisman
Foundation
The Evergreen Review
The Exponential Festival
The Foundation for Community Health
The Haven At Skanda
The Institute for Human Services, Inc.
The Institute for Human Services, Inc.
The Ithaca Voice Inc.
The Jewish Board of Family & Children's
Services
The Kingsbridge Heights Community
Center, Inc.
The Korean Community Services of
Metropolitan New York, Inc.
The Legal Aid Society
The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY

The Legal Project
The New York Pops
The New York Preservation Archive Project
The Ossining Micro Fund
The Retreat
The Salvation Army Syracuse Area
Services
The Sharing Shelf
The STEM Alliance
The Strand Center for the Arts
TheaterWorksUSA
Theatre Alliance of Buffalo
Tioga Opportunities, Inc.
Tioga United Way Inc
Transformation Technologies LLC
Tri-Cities Opera Company, Inc.
Triangle Arts Association
Trillium Health
Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc.
Trippinz Care Inc
Tupper Arts, Inc.
Ulster Literacy Association
Unique People Services
Unison Arts
United Community Center of westchester,
Inc
United Nations Association, Westchester
chapter
United Neighborhood Houses
United Way of Greater Rochester and the
Finger Lakes
United Way of Mid Rural New York
United Way of New York State
United Way of New York State & 211 New
York
United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region
United Way of Tompkins County
United Way of Westchester and Putnam
United Youth Music and Arts, Inc
University Settlement
Upstate Minority Economic Alliance
Urban Justice Center
Urban League Westchester County
Vera House, Inc.

Veteran Wingman Services, Inc.
Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY, Inc.
Volunteers of Legal Service
WCCRC
WCLA - Choice Matters
We Are Instrumental
Wellspring
Westchester Children's Association
Westchester Collaborative Theater
Westchester Community Health Center
Westchester County Association
Westchester Disabled On the Move, Inc.
Westchester Independent Living Center, Inc
Westchester Jewish Community Services
Westchester Parks Foundation, Inc.
Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.
Westchester Women's Agenda
Westcott Community Center
Western New York Book Arts Center
Western New York Law Center
Wethersfield Foundation
Whole Me, Inc.
WMCHHealth
WNY Rural Area Health Education Center,
Inc.
Women United of Westchester Social Club,
Inc. (WUW)
Women's Enterprise Development Center
WORLD MUSIC INSTITUTE INC
WRI Solutions
Yes She Can Inc
YM & YWHA of Washington Heights and
Inwood
YMCA of Broome County
Yonkers Partners in Education
Young Parents United Inc.
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YWCA White Plains and Central
Westchester
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