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Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor State of New York
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the “New York Housing Compact” and any effort to include this provision in the 2023-24 budget. We believe that this provision undermines local zoning control and is an assault on “Home Rule,” a concept enshrined in the NY State constitution. The repercussions of this compact are immense. The “New York Housing Compact” will overcrowd our schools, overload our infrastructure and lead to heavy traffic and higher road maintenance costs. It is vital to consider the opinions and needs of local communities when implementing such policies.

We ask that you respect the desire of your constituents to govern their local zoning and other affairs. Local issues should be the purview of residents and local governments who know the needs and desires of local communities. Mandating a ‘one size fits all’ approach to housing is doomed to failure and will only breed resentment on the part of your constituents.

We are requesting that the “New York Housing Compact” or any similar measures be removed from the 2023-24 State budget.

Sincerely,

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