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To our Fellow Leaders in Government,

New York State is home to hundreds of individual municipalities, many with their own elected board of hardworking public servants who strive to address the unique needs of their community. Local municipalities are the cornerstone for good government because they are in tune with the concerns of area residents, and it is imperative that local government retain the authority to act in the best interests of those they represent, especially when it involves zoning for development.

Included in Governor Kathy Hochul's 2024 Executive Budget is a startling proposal that will allow state government to override the authority of local zoning laws. The New York Housing Compact, as she refers to it, is a plan to build 800,000 homes statewide over the next decade with an inclusion that will allow New York State to ignore local zoning authority in order to achieve their target housing growth. The Governor is trying to pass this as an attempt to combat the "housing crisis" facing New York, but in reality, this is nothing more than a voracious power grab over local control.

Akin to last year's Accessory Dwelling Unit debacle – where the Governor attempted to eliminate single-family home zoning across the state – her plan remains wildly unpopular with local municipalities and their residents. However, the Governor chooses to push her agenda forward, ignoring the countless calls from villages, towns, and counties from all over the state that urge her to reconsider. **This is why we must bring our voice directly to Albany.**

We are asking for you to join us and hundreds of other colleagues on March 20th at 12:30pm as we take the fight to Albany and protest Governor Hochul's insidious housing plan at the New York State Capitol Building. We must organize in protest to have our collective voices heard, bringing light to this overreach of power and reminding the Governor of the importance of **local control, not Hochul control.**

Please share this message with any and all interested parties who can help bring the fight to Albany. From homeowners to elected officials, we must prove to Governor Hochul the importance of local authority and remind her that she cannot paint us all with one broad stroke. Please contact Casey Sammon (CSammon@HempsteadNY.gov) to RSVP or for any additional information.

Thank you for your continued partnership in government, and we look forward to joining everyone on March 20th for this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

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