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Governor of New York State
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The Honorable Carl Heastie
Speaker, New York State Assembly
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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Majority Leader, New York State Senate
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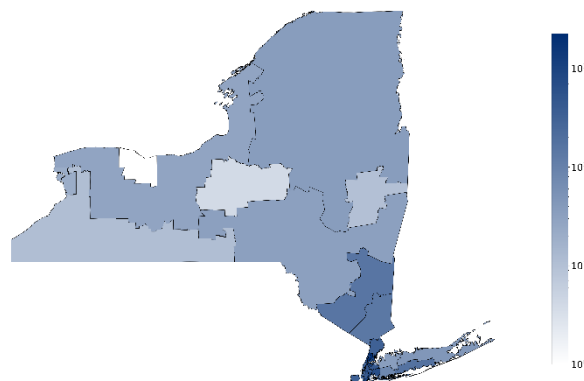
Re: Emergency Housing Vouchers – Thousands at Risk of Homelessness

Dear Governor Hochul, Speaker Heastie, and Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins,

We write with urgent concern about the crisis now unfolding for thousands of vulnerable New Yorkers housed with NYCHA-administered Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). We urge you to include \$250 million for the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP) in the FY 2027 budget and implement S9430A to make EHV participants eligible — the fastest path to keeping these families housed.

The federal EHV program, created in 2021, provides rental assistance to survivors of domestic violence, runaway and homeless youth, and other high-risk households. Although originally funded through 2030, the Trump administration has announced that funding has run out, placing 50,000 households nationwide at risk. As the map shows, EHV households span every region of New York State.

EHV Households by Congressional District across New York State



In New York City alone, NYCHA administers 5,200 EHV's — including 1,144 domestic violence survivors and 600 runaway and homeless youth. The only solution NYCHA has offered — applying for public housing or transferring within its portfolio — is not viable. With a waitlist of [182,000 applicants](#), many families could wait years. Without action, thousands face displacement to shelters, the streets, or for domestic violence survivors, back into dangerous situations.

Increasing funding for HAVP to \$250 million and implementing S9430A are the clearest path forward. We urge you to act before families are forced from their homes and stand ready to work with your office toward a solution.

Thank you,

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