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New Destiny Statement on NYS Legislature's One House Budgets

New Destiny is thrilled to see additional funding for the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP) included in the Senate's one-house budget, and we thank Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Senators Persaud and Kavanaugh for their unwavering commitment to domestic violence survivors.

However, we are disappointed that the Assembly chose not to provide funding for this incredibly important program in their budget, especially given the demonstrated support from Social Services Committee Chair Davila, Housing Committee Chair Rosenthal, and Children and Families Committee Chair Hevesi, who [issued a joint letter to Speaker Heastie](#) last month. 20,000 households across the state rely on NYSSHP to remain safe and stably housed, including thousands of survivors and their children. Yet the program has barely received funding increases since it was created nearly 40 years ago, leaving NYSSHP unable to provide adequate services for these at-risk families.

This lack of resources is indefensible, and we are thankful to see the Senate move to rectify this issue by including \$32 million for NYSSHP in their proposals, which brings the program in line with the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI), New York's newer supportive housing program. If the Assembly leadership is committed to fixing our state's homelessness crisis and helping domestic violence survivors rebuild their lives, it must include funding for NYSSHP in the final one-house budget and negotiations with the Governor.

We applaud both the Senate and the Assembly for including funding to establish the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP). With \$250 million in funding, HAVP will provide up to 13,000 vouchers and help as many as 30,000 New Yorkers leave shelter or avoid the trauma of homelessness. HAVP will help expand equitable access to housing for domestic violence survivors, regardless of immigration status, and ease the burden on our shelter system.

We know supportive housing and rental assistance programs are the best, most cost-effective ways to provide domestic violence survivors with the tools they need to survive, heal, and thrive as they navigate their lives free from abuse. Governor Hochul and the Assembly must take their professed responsibility to domestic violence survivors seriously and pass the Senate's proposed budget so that every survivor can find a home they can afford. These programs will help thousands of domestic violence survivors and other vulnerable New Yorkers find permanent homes that they can afford, and we strongly urge Governor Hochul, the Senate, and the Assembly to include them in the final budget.

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