February 2019

The Honorable Carl Heastie

Speaker, New York State Assembly

LOB 932

Albany, NY 12248

Dear Speaker Heastie:

We write to you in support of permanent Capital City Funding for the City of Albany.

New York’s Capital City is treated like no other large City in the State. It’s AIM funding per capita is almost one-fifth of what Buffalo receives, almost one-quarter of what Syracuse receives, less than a third of what Rochester receives, and half of what Utica and Troy receive - all while they provide services for a population that doubles in size during the day, and all while New York State owns more property in the City than all other tax-paying property owners combined.

Even more stark is AIM per person in poverty. A poor person in Buffalo is worth four times as much as a poor person in Albany – an injustice that cannot continue.

Amidst this, the City of Albany has been a responsible steward of tax dollars and has made do with less for decades. We’ve now reached the breaking point, and homeowners and businesses in this City cannot possibly bear any additional burden.

The time is now for Albany to receive its permanent fair share.

Please support permanent Capital City Funding in the 2019-20 budget.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,