



The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of the State of New York  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We, the undersigned **563** nonprofit organizations and individuals from across the state, respectfully urge your approval of **S.7001 (Mayer)/A.7616 (Paulin)**, which passed both chambers **unanimously**. This essential legislation will reform New York State's Prompt Contracting Law and implement critical contracting reforms. The health and stability of New York's nonprofit sector — and the millions of residents we serve — depend on it.

Nonprofit organizations deliver vital services, at the direction of the state: early childhood education, mental health counseling, homeless housing, substance use treatment, legal services and cultural programming, to name just a few. We are extensions of the state's safety net. Yet, the current contracting system jeopardizes our ability to fulfill this role. Chronic contracting delays, inefficiencies and inconsistencies across agencies, burdensome processes, and reimbursements regularly delayed by six months or more totaling hundreds of millions of dollars are pushing New York's nonprofits to the breaking point.

A recently released white paper from the Human Services Council, the New York Council of Nonprofits, the New York Legal Services Coalition, Nonprofit New York, and Nonprofit Westchester, titled "[Nonprofits in Peril](#)" emphasizes the detrimental effects these challenges have on New York's nonprofit sector.

**One heartbreaking example:** "We have 'floated' this program with reserves for six months as we continue to wait on a contract, but are reaching the end of the line with our funds. Soon we will need to begin laying off the program's 11 staff and communicating to low-income residents that we cannot offer these vital services."

Additionally, a recent survey conducted among nonprofits throughout New York State, revealed that 33% of those with contracts with the state were owed funds for services already delivered – totaling at least \$58 million. Applying that finding to all contracts held by nonprofits, New York State may owe nonprofits more than \$650 million statewide.

This is money that has already been appropriated by the legislature, but for which payment has been delayed beyond current prompt contracting and payment law. Meanwhile, **65% of nonprofits report concern about funding basic operations in 2025**, up from 62% last year. Given the changes in the federal landscape, New York State's nonprofit organizations are even more critical to defending civil rights and providing safety net services. Nonprofits are being destabilized when New Yorkers need us the most.

The proposed legislation and administrative reforms would:

- Improve consistency in contracting across all agencies.
- Streamline contract renewals and improve timeliness.
- Clarify when nonprofits can expect payment schedules and ensure interest on late payments.
- Ensure automatic contract advances so that nonprofits do not have to take on unsustainable debt to front costs for essential services.
- Recognize and reimburse the real cost of delivering services, including overhead.
- Ensure nonprofits are not being penalized for minor errors in vouchers.

These changes are not only fair; they are essential to safeguard the continuity of life-saving services and to treat nonprofits as true partners, not afterthoughts.

Governor Hochul: **You have the power to right these wrongs. We ask you to prioritize and sign these bills this session.**

The future stability of nonprofit organizations, and the well-being of New York's most vulnerable residents, hangs in the balance.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening New York. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or to discuss further with your staff.

Sincerely,

**Empire Justice Center**  
**Human Services Council of New York**  
**New York Council of Nonprofits**  
**New York Legal Services Coalition**  
**Nonprofit New York**  
**Nonprofit Westchester**

4heads, Inc.  
914Cares  
A New Hope Center, Inc.  
Acacia Network  
Access Justice Brooklyn  
ACCESS of WNY  
Access to Independence of Cortland  
County, Inc.  
AccessCNY  
ACR Health  
Action for a Better Community Inc.  
Action for Older Persons  
Adirondack Community Foundation  
Adirondack Diversity Initiative  
Adirondack Economic Development Corp  
Adirondack Foundation  
Adirondack North Country Association  
Advocates Incorporated  
Albany Can Code, Inc  
Alison Cook Beatty Dance  
All Saints' Episcopal Church Soup &  
Sandwich Saturday  
Alliance of New York State YMCAs  
Allyn Family Foundation  
Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.  
American Civic Association  
Amperio NY  
Arab American Family Support Center  
Arbor Hill Development Corporation  
Arts Business Collaborative  
Asian American Arts Alliance  
Autism Society Greater Hudson Region  
Ballston Area Community Center  
Better Outcomes Consulting  
Black Diamonds Academic Success, Inc.  
BLAST Presents @The Cider Mill Stage  
Bloomingdale School of Music  
Booker T. Washington Community Ctr., Inc.  
Boughton Place  
Bounce Marketing & Consulting  
Boundless Studio Consulting  
Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse

Braata Productions Inc  
Brady Faith Center  
Brain Injury Association of New York State  
BRIDGES  
Bridges For Brain Injury  
Bright Hill Press & Literary Center  
Bronx-Westchester Area Health Education  
Center  
BronxWorks  
Brooklyn Center for Independence of the  
Disabled (BCID)  
Brooklyn Defender Services  
Broome County Arts Council  
Broome County Urban League  
Brunch N Bible Study, Inc.  
Build Up Justice NYC  
C Love Foundation  
CAMBA Inc.  
Campus and Community Children's Center  
Cantata Singers of the Southern Finger  
Lakes  
CAPITAL AREA PEER SERVICES INC,  
Capital District Women's Employment &  
Resource Center (WERC)  
Capital Roots  
Capital Roots, Inc.  
CAPTAIN CHS  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Charities Community Services of  
Rockland County  
Catholic Charities of Cortland County  
Catholic Charities of Onondaga County  
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany  
Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York  
Catskill Center for Independence  
Catskill Mountain Foundation  
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.  
Causewave Community Partners  
Cazenovia Children's House  
CCE Ulster County  
CEK RN Consulting, Inc.  
Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.  
Center for Elder Law & Justice

Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc.  
Center for Family Life in Sunset Park  
Center for Independence of the Disabled,  
New York (CIDNY)  
Center for Family Life in Sunset Park, Inc.  
Central New York Area Health Education  
Center  
Central Oneida County Volunteer  
Ambulance Corps  
Cerebral Palsy of Westchester  
ChamberQUEER Inc  
Chances and Changes, Inc.  
Charles Settlement House & Community  
Place of Greater Rochester  
Charlia Frank Inc.  
charter school for educational excellence  
Child and Family Services of Erie County  
Child Care Council of Westchester  
Children's Home of Poughkeepsie  
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)  
Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum  
Citizens Concerned For Children, Inc.  
City as Living Laboratory (CALL)  
City Bar Justice Center  
Clean+Healthy  
Clemens Center  
Cloudsplitter Foundation  
CMIT Solutions White Plains  
CNY Community Foundation  
Coalition for Asian American Children and  
Families  
Coalition of Institutionalized Aged and  
Disabled  
Common Threads  
Communities Resist  
Community Emergency Corps  
Community Foundation for South Central  
NY  
Community Foundation of Tompkins County  
Community Help in Park Slope (CHiPS)  
Community Housing Innovations  
Community Resource Center  
Community Rising Project  
Compass House

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of  
Rochester  
Contact Community Services  
Cooperative Federal  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess  
County  
Crime Victims Center, Inc.  
Cypress Hills Local Development  
Corporation Inc  
Dance/NYC  
Dancewave  
Day One  
Delaware Valley Opera Co.  
Delhi Campus Child Care Center  
Delphi Rise  
Diaspora Community Services  
Directions In Independent Living  
Domestic Violence Project | Urban Justice  
Center  
Don Mullin  
Donate Life New York State  
Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman  
Foundation  
Double Entendre Music Ensemble  
Drama Club, Inc.  
Dutchess County Pride Center  
Earlville Opera House, Inc.  
Early Care & Learning Council  
ECLI-VIBES  
Elmcrest Children's Center  
Empire Clean Cities  
Erie County Bar Association Volunteer  
Lawyers Project  
Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition  
Essex Food Hub, Inc.  
Exceptional Family Resources (ARISE)  
FAIRNY  
Families First in Essex County, Inc.  
Family Counseling Service of the Finger  
Lakes  
Family Help Center  
Family Services  
Family Services Center for Victim Safety  
and Support

Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.  
Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.  
Feeding Westchester  
Field & Fork Network  
Fifth Avenue Committee  
Finger Lakes Independence Center  
Food Bank of Central New York  
Food Bank of the Southern Tier  
Forthright Advising  
Foundation of the Open Eye Theater  
Four Way Books  
Fractured Atlas  
Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society  
Fresh Youth Initiatives  
Fresh Youth Initiatives, Inc.  
Friends of Karen, Inc.  
Friends of Music Concerts, Inc  
Friends of Recovery NY  
Friends of the Ward House Inc  
Future for Oneonta Foundation, Inc.  
Galvan Housing Resources  
Geneva Music Festival  
Geva Theatre  
GLYS WNY & The Pride Center of WNY  
Goddard Riverside  
Grand Street Settlement  
Grassi  
Greater Mental Health of New York  
Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra  
Corporation  
Greater Oneonta Historical Society  
Green Options Buffalo  
Greenwich House  
Griffiss Institute  
Hamilton-Madison House  
HANAC, Inc.  
Hands Across Long Island, Inc.  
Harquin Graphics, Inc.  
Health is home  
Hearts & Homes for Refugees  
Heights and Hills  
Helping Celebrate Abilities  
Henry Street Settlement  
Herkimer Next, Inc.

Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors  
Holocaust & Human Rights Education  
Center  
Homecrest Community Services Inc  
Homeless Services United  
Hope House, Inc.  
Hope's Door  
Housing Conservation Coordinators  
Hubbard Hall Center for the Arts and  
Education  
Hudson River Watershed Alliance  
Human Development Services of  
Westchester  
Human Services Coalition  
Human Services Coalition of Tompkins  
County  
Hunger Solutions New York  
Huntington Family Centers  
Ibero-American Action League Inc.  
IFCA Housing Network  
iHealth, Inc.  
IMMIGRATION ANALYSIS  
Impact100 Westchester  
Inclusive Saratoga, Inc.  
Independent Living Center of the Hudson  
Valley, Inc.  
Indian Lake Theater  
InterFaith Works of CNY  
International Center of the Capital Region  
InUnity Alliance  
Isadora Duncan International Institute, Inc.  
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement  
JASA  
Jewish Board of Family & Children's  
Services  
Jewish Community Council of Greater  
Coney Island  
Jewish Family Service of Orange County  
Inc  
Jewish Family Services of Northeastern  
New York  
Jewish Family Services of Rochester  
Jewish Family Services of Western New  
York

Johnson City Senior Center  
Journeys End Refugee Services  
JustCause  
Justice for Families, LTD  
Katonah Museum of Art  
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center  
Lackawanna Housing Development Corporation  
Lakeview Health Services, Inc.  
Land to Learn  
Latino U College Access (LUCA)  
Learning Bridge Solutions, Corp.  
Learning Disabilities Association of CNY dba LAUNCH  
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.  
Legal Services of Central New York, Inc.  
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley  
Liberty Resources, Inc.  
Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.  
Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.  
Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County  
Little Essentials  
LiveOn NY  
Living Artist Society  
Logan Strong Foundation  
Long Island Arts Alliance  
Long Island Children's Writers and Illustrators  
Long Island Housing Services, Inc.  
Los Pleneros de la 21  
Ma-Yi Filipino Theatre Ensemble, Inc.  
Makerspace NYC  
Marist University  
Meals on Wheels of Syracuse  
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center  
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc.  
Mencius Society for the Arts, Inc.  
MHA Rochester  
Midtown Kingston Arts District  
Millay Arts  
MMCC (Mosholu Montefiore Community Center)

Mobilization for Justice  
Moonshot Initiative  
Morningside Retirement and Health Services  
Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc.  
My Place Home for the Homeless, Inc  
My Sisters' Place  
NAACP Broome Tioga  
nachas health and family network  
NAMI Syracuse  
NAMI Westchester, Inc.  
Nathan's Butterflies  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House  
Neighborhood SHOPP  
Network for School Transportation Safety and Accessibility Advocacy, Inc.  
New Beginnings MSC, Inc.  
New Era Creative Space, Inc  
New York Association on Independent Living  
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault  
New York City Children's Theater  
New York Council on adoptable children  
New York Kurdish Film Festival, Inc.  
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest  
New York Legal Assistance Group  
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
New York State Defenders Association  
New York State Horse Council, Inc.  
New York State Public Health Association  
New York State Tourism Industry Association  
New York StateWide Senior Action Council  
Next  
Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.  
NMIC  
Nonprofit Finance Fund

North Country Underground Railroad  
Historical Association  
North Fork Environmental Council  
North of Main Binghamton, Inc.  
North Side Learning Center of Syracuse  
Northern Area Health Education Center  
Northern Regional Center for Independent  
Living  
NSssa  
NY Funders Alliance  
NYC Family Policy Project  
NYenvironcom  
On Point for College  
Onondaga Council on Alcoholism and  
Addictions, Inc. dba Prevention Network  
Open Space Institute  
Orange County NY Arts Council  
Ossining Children's Center  
Otsego 2000, Inc.  
Otsego Land Trust, Inc.  
PA'LANTE Harlem  
Parks & Trails New York  
Partners in Nutrition LLC  
Peconic Land Trust  
Pendragon Theatre  
Philanthropy New York  
Pinnacle Community Services  
Plan A Advisors  
Planned Parenthood of Central & Western  
NY  
Poets & Writers  
Possible Rochester | Possible Planet, a  
501c3 nonprofit  
Poughkeepsie Farm Project  
Preservation Alumni  
Prevent Child Abuse NY  
Pride Center of the Capital Region  
Project Guardianship  
Project Renewal  
Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.  
REACH CNY, Inc.  
Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley  
Recovery Houses of Rochester, inc.  
Red Hook Community Center

Redhouse Arts Center, Inc.  
Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of  
Emmaus  
Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of  
Emmaus, Inc.  
Regional Economic Community Action  
Program, Inc.  
Resource Center for Accessible Living  
Resource Center for Independent Living,  
Inc.  
Robin Hood  
Rochester Hearing & Speech Center  
Rochester Museum and Science Center  
(RMSC)  
Rochester Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Children  
Rochester Spinal Association  
Roulette Intermedium, Inc.  
Rural & Migrant Ministry Inc.  
Rural Law Center of New York  
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.  
Safe Horizon  
Safe Horizon, Inc.  
Sag Harbor Cinema  
Salem Art Works  
Samaritan Center, Inc.  
Samaritan Daytop Village, Inc  
Saranac Lake ArtWorks  
Saratoga center for the family  
Saratoga Joinery  
Sauti Yetu Center for African Women  
Schweinfurth Art Center  
Seaway Valley Prevention Council  
Second Chance Foods  
Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc.  
Shelter chic  
Sheltering the Homeless is Our  
Responsibility/Interfaith Counsel for  
Affordable Residence Inc.  
Shelters of Saratoga  
SLC Arts  
SNAP  
SOS Shelter DBA Rise-NY  
Southern Adirondack Independent Living

Southern Tier Independence Center  
Southwestern Independent Living Center,  
Inc.  
Spanish Action League of Onondaga  
County, Inc. (La Liga)  
SPARC, Inc.  
St. Lawrence County Historical Association  
St. Nicks Alliance  
Staten Island Center for Independent Living  
(SICIL)  
Stony Kill Foundation, Inc.  
Student Advocacy, Inc.  
Student Assistance Services Corporation  
Syracuse Northeast Community Center  
Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc.  
Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum  
Taproot Collective, Inc.  
Teaching While Queer  
Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja  
The Alliance for a Hunger Free NY  
The Art of Brooklyn Film Festival  
The Center for NYC Neighborhoods  
The Cherry Arts, Inc.  
The Children's Village  
The Community Foundation for South  
Central New York  
The Door - A Center of Alternatives, Inc.  
The Dorothy and Marshall M Reisman  
Foundation  
The Evergreen Review  
The Exponential Festival  
The Foundation for Community Health  
The Haven At Skanda  
The Institute for Human Services, Inc.  
The Institute for Human Services, Inc.  
The Ithaca Voice Inc.  
The Jewish Board of Family & Children's  
Services  
The Kingsbridge Heights Community  
Center, Inc.  
The Korean Community Services of  
Metropolitan New York, Inc.  
The Legal Aid Society  
The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY

The Legal Project  
The New York Pops  
The New York Preservation Archive Project  
The Ossining Micro Fund  
The Retreat  
The Salvation Army Syracuse Area  
Services  
The Sharing Shelf  
The STEM Alliance  
The Strand Center for the Arts  
TheaterWorksUSA  
Theatre Alliance of Buffalo  
Tioga Opportunities, Inc.  
Tioga United Way Inc  
Transformation Technologies LLC  
Tri-Cities Opera Company, Inc.  
Triangle Arts Association  
Trillium Health  
Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc.  
Trippinz Care Inc  
Tupper Arts, Inc.  
Ulster Literacy Association  
Unique People Services  
Unison Arts  
United Community Center of westchester,  
Inc  
United Nations Association, Westchester  
chapter  
United Neighborhood Houses  
United Way of Greater Rochester and the  
Finger Lakes  
United Way of Mid Rural New York  
United Way of New York State  
United Way of New York State & 211 New  
York  
United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region  
United Way of Tompkins County  
United Way of Westchester and Putnam  
United Youth Music and Arts, Inc  
University Settlement  
Upstate Minority Economic Alliance  
Urban Justice Center  
Urban League Westchester County  
Vera House, Inc.

Veteran Wingman Services, Inc.  
Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY, Inc.  
Volunteers of Legal Service  
WCCRC  
WCLA - Choice Matters  
We Are Instrumental  
Wellspring  
Westchester Children's Association  
Westchester Collaborative Theater  
Westchester Community Health Center  
Westchester County Association  
Westchester Disabled On the Move, Inc.  
Westchester Independent Living Center, Inc  
Westchester Jewish Community Services  
Westchester Parks Foundation, Inc.  
Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc.  
Westchester Women's Agenda  
Westcott Community Center  
Western New York Book Arts Center  
Western New York Law Center  
Wethersfield Foundation  
Whole Me, Inc.  
WMCHHealth  
WNY Rural Area Health Education Center,  
Inc.  
Women United of Westchester Social Club,  
Inc. (WUW)  
Women's Enterprise Development Center  
WORLD MUSIC INSTITUTE INC  
WRI Solutions  
Yes She Can Inc  
YM & YWHA of Washington Heights and  
Inwood  
YMCA of Broome County  
Yonkers Partners in Education  
Young Parents United Inc.  
Yusuf house of Hudson Valley Inc.  
YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County  
Inc.  
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley  
YWCA White Plains and Central  
Westchester  
YMCA of Greater New York

### **Individuals**

Alida Quinones Reyes  
Alisa H. Kesten  
Amy Wolf  
Andrea Haynes  
Andrea Parada  
Anne Napper  
Bernadette Murray  
Bob Frawley  
Bob Frawley  
Brandy Hubbard  
Caitlin Leon  
Caitlin Leon  
Carol Willard  
Christopher Shave  
Darrell Buckingham  
David S. Birdsell  
David Solomon  
Deborah Roesch  
Diana Eisenman  
Eleanor Larrier  
Erica Martinson  
Erica Martinson  
Erica Martinson  
Erica Martinson  
Heather Mount  
James Mead  
Janice Lubin Kirschner  
Jason Chapin  
Jay Tyler  
Jeremy Mead  
Joanne  
Jon Wegienek  
June Blanc  
Kaitlyn Andrews  
Karen Blumenthal  
Karen Kelley  
Karina Wojnar  
Katheen Olson  
Katie Boardman  
Kelly White  
Kim Davis

L.Paige  
Laura deBuys  
Laura Kiesbye  
Lauren Wade  
Laurie Miedema  
Lesley Salvato  
Marc Wentz  
Mariah  
Martin McDonald  
Mary Lou Carolan  
Mary Lou Carolan  
Mary Mead  
Michele Goldmeer  
Nicholas Roberts  
Paulette Purdy  
Rebecca Patton  
Rebecca Swan  
Renee Wojciechowski  
Roger Purdy  
Sally Pinto  
Sally Pinto  
Sara Kinsley  
Scarlett Rigby  
Scorpio Rogers  
Soraya Swaby  
Stacy Mastrogiacomo  
Starlyn D'Angelo  
Stephanie Robinson  
Stephanie Robinson  
Steve Abrahams  
Steven Abel  
Su Marcy  
Teresa Pleva  
Tiffanie Parker