

February 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State
Executive Chamber – State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

In order to be truly “New York Strong” we must first take care of those most vulnerable in our state. One way to do this is to create a budget that uses equity and justice as its guiding principles. There are many important initiatives that need to be supported, but two that we would like to advocate for in the 2022 NYS Budget are:

- **Closing of the NYS Child Tax Credit loophole so that it will cover those who are most vulnerable - children ages 0-4.**
- **We are also petitioning for a 5.4% COLA and a \$500 million investment in workforce, service, and support in the Executive Budget.** We are concerned for the over 40% of New Yorkers who have reported struggles with their mental health during the pandemic, many of whom have not been able to receive the treatment they need due to lack of providers. Many service providers are finding it extremely difficult to provide the critical services needed in our communities at current rates.

Respectfully,

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