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I am a resident of a Cathedral Square, (Affordable Housing for Seniors) apartment, and as such I want to be supportive of SASH (Resident Social Services) which have helped me in many ways. You may be aware that FY20 Budget suggests funding cuts to Affordable Housing and Conservation programs, (a reallocation, as I understand it.) However, you may not be aware of a contingency that makes cuts problematic for our future.

Affordable housing was given a mandate to include the homeless, and other at-risk individuals, in environments that formerly were apartments for low and moderate income, independent living seniors. What I want to emphasize, because of this recent mandate, we are in need of professional social services more than ever, as opposed to planned cuts to the SASH program.

Homeless people (and other residents) often have mental health issues, drug and alcohol problems, relational difficulties, developmental disabilities, poverty problems and otherwise are in need of more services, not less. It is important that legislators are aware of this issue, so I want to persuade you of the need for SASH services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Best wishes for the upcoming budget of our wonderful state!

Respectfully, Hope Lindsay

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