

Hello, my name is Rielly Compo. I used to be homeless and was without stable housing for several years, on and off. During that time, I moved in and out of temporary housing, lived in my car through both cold winters and hot summers, and relied on hotel vouchers, which were truly lifesaving—especially during the winter months.

Now, thanks to Star Barden, and Housing Navigation with NEKYS, I am housed. I have my own apartment and am finally able to focus on my next steps and building a stable future.

I believe it is extremely important that the state continues supporting hotel programs, shelter programs, and increases funding for low-income housing. There genuinely is not enough affordable housing for everyone, and far too many people are still homeless or without safe, stable homes.

These programs make a real difference and can be the bridge between homelessness and stability, just as they were for me.