

Calling On State And Federal Representatives To Restore Maximum Funding To New York State Home And Community Based Services Programs

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit, and Uchitelle)

Legislators Laura Petit and Craig Lopez offer the following:

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021 it was publicly announced that President Biden, Senator Schumer and other senate leaders had come to an agreement on a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution, which would pave the way for historic investments in home and community based services (HCBS); and

WHEREAS, New York State's allocation of the HCBS funding proposal could be cut from \$400 billion to \$150 billion, financially impacting local organizations such as The Arc Mid-Hudson; and

WHEREAS, such organizations support our community members with disabilities, as well as the direct care workforce, all of whom should not be overlooked for this historic investment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature calls on state and federal leaders to reinstate the full 400 billion dollars in funding to New York State home and community based services programs to maximize this once in a generation opportunity to invest in our care economy infrastructure; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Congressman Antonio Delgado, and Hon. Governor Andrew Cuomo,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE