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

Dear Governor Hochul:

As you know, the Enacted State Budget called for the SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government to conduct a study to assess the Foundation Aid formula and to discuss potential updates and modifications to how the formula is calculated.

As part of the study, researchers at the Rockefeller Institute are collecting feedback from the public, education stakeholders and elected officials on the Foundation Aid formula and potential changes to it.

It recently came to my attention, however, that there are five scheduled public hearings across New York State in July and August in New York City, Buffalo, Long Island, Central New York and the Capital Region -- leaving out the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and the Hudson Valley Region. Therefore, I respectfully request that the City of Yonkers, New York State's 3rd largest city be afforded its own hearing location.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. In the interim, please do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

MIKE SPANO
Mayor

cc: Robert Megna
Rockefeller Institute of Government