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Hon. Kathy Hochul
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Dear Governor Hochul:

The "Housing Compact Plan" which you propose, while aiming to increase affordable housing and provide homes for more residents, will have the effect of undermining local zoning authority and citifying the suburbs. We, therefore, wholeheartedly oppose the plan.

Under your initiative, if the housing targets are not met, and the Village of East Hills is unable to show sufficient efforts over three years toward meeting the housing goals, the State would then be permitted to overrule our local village zoning. This action could cause significant disruption in our quality of life, public safety, and environmental conditions. Addressing the new building requirements would also put significant financial strain on local governments which will be forced to tackle infrastructure and environmental mandates. Our Village does not have sewerage.

Specifically, a sudden influx of more residents will result in increased traffic congestion, a higher volume of parked cars on streets, increased student-to-teacher ratios, overcrowding in schools, overcrowding of recreational spaces, and increases in taxes to support new infrastructure. Additional infrastructure may well be necessary to address issues pertaining to water supply, wastewater management, sewer systems, transit and road condition, parking and traffic, as well as emergency services.

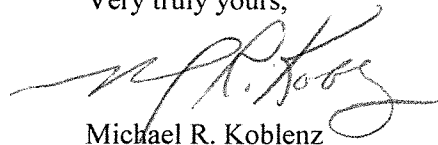
Not every community, including the Village of East Hills, has developable land or buildings, necessary infrastructure, sufficient demand, or builder interest to meet the housing growth threshold, and the one size fits all approach indeed disregards the unique set of needs and conditions of individual communities. There are little to no exceptions being made for communities that have zoning regulations for well thought-out growth and housing development plans that preserve our suburban quality of life and protect the peaceful tranquillity our residents now enjoy.

Housing options are best considered at the local community level, and your mandate directly infringes on the local governments ability to operate with any degree of autonomy and invalidates the home rule rights that form the constitutional basis for local government in New York. I, therefore, hope you will reconsider your Housing Compact Plan, and work with the local governments to come up with ideas to

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address the issue of adequate affordable housing in New York State.

Very truly yours,



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