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Dear Partners,

Today, Governor Hochul announced **EXPRESS NY, a state government-wide effort to tackle outdated or onerous regulations that stand in the way of delivering for New Yorkers**. Whether building the homes that will house a new generation of New Yorkers, running a business that will serve and employ our neighbors, or navigating complicated processes to access the benefits or services they depend on, too often New Yorkers encounter red tape and bureaucratic obstacles that drive up costs and waste time. EXPRESS NY is the next phase in the governor's 2026 State of the State commitment to cut excessive red tape and speed up government.

In October, the Governor directed state agencies to undertake a comprehensive review of regulations and policies and identify those which are outdated or obsolete. In response, agencies have identified a wide array of rules that can be amended, eliminated, or streamlined. But to deliver for New York, we need the expertise and perspectives of the individuals, communities, localities, non-profits, and businesses that are subject to state regulations and must navigate bureaucratic processes regularly. As part of EXPRESS NY, **Governor Hochul is now launching a call for ideas from stakeholders across New York on opportunities to cut red tape**.

We are asking for your help to identify specific regulations, policies, and practices that add unnecessary process, undue burden, or are simply out of date. We are particularly interested in recommendations that will:

- Speed Up Housing & Infrastructure Development: Identify regulations, policies, or practices that slow down our ability to build affordable housing and other infrastructure New Yorkers depend on such as transportation, child care centers, water infrastructure, parks, community centers, and more.
- Support Small Businesses: Identify requirements or regulations that make it difficult for businesses to launch, serve customers, or grow.
- Streamline Access to Services: Identify complicated processes or unnecessary hurdles that prevent New Yorkers from accessing benefits and services that New York State supports or oversees, either directly or by creating unnecessary burden for providers (e.g., healthcare, child care, nutrition, mental health).

This initiative is intended to focus on New York State agency regulations, policies, or practices. Proposals that would require changes to federal, state or local law, or federal or local regulations will not be considered. Please submit your proposals by April 3, 2026 through our [online portal](#).

Thank you for your partnership in making it **easier, faster, and more affordable** to deliver the projects and services that New Yorkers need.

Sincerely,

Jackie Bray, Director of State Operations