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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: New York State Grants Gateway: A.9599 (Brennan)/S S.7340 (Ranzenhofer)

 Prompt Interest Payments and S.6482 (DeFransico)/ A.8964 (Englebright)

Dear Honorable Governor Cuomo,

As a nonprofit providing services in New York State, [ORGANIZATION NAME] , I am writing to urge you to sign bills **A.9599 (Brennan)/S.7340 (Ranzenhofer)** and **S.6482 (DeFransico)/ A.8964 (Englebright).**These bills would enable [ORGANIZATION NAME] and all other non-profits across the state to receive state contracting payments on time and in the appropriate amount.

Data supplied by the Comptroller’ Prompt Contracting Annual Report 2013 demonstrates that this problem is getting worse. The report foundState agencies were **late 87% of the time** in approving contracts with nonprofit providers in 2013.This is an **increase from 2012**, when 78% of contracts were approved late. The Comptroller’s office suggests several solutions, including paying prompt contracting interest with the first payment due after the start of a late contract, which by signing bill **S.6482/ A.8964** would accomplish. In conjunction with the release of the Comptroller’s report, the Urban Institute's study on Nonprofit Prompt Contracting ranked New York State within the **"Top Ten Worst"** nationally in nonprofit contracting and payments.

Recognizing the irreplaceable value that not for profit services provide to New Yorkers in partnership with state delivered services, your Office has made measurable efforts including enactment of the New York State Grants Gateway, to adhere to the principle of timely not for profit contract negotiations and approval, as a way to ensure continuity of services. These bills represent an opportunity to *close the loopholes and strengthen the existing law* *and initiatives* such as the New York State Grants Gateway.

As it stands, the 90 days does not guarantee enough time for there to be submission and approval of these documents in the vault. Even if submissions are done within the 90 day period, if the approval goes beyond that time, nonprofits pre-qualification may still be at risk. By enacting bill **A.9599/ S.7340** your office would ensuring that deserving nonprofits would still be able to apply and be approved for new or existing state grant contracts while they are in the process of updating their compliance documents to be in accordance with the Nonprofit Revitalization Act's new provisions.

[ORGANIZATION NAME] is hopeful that you will support and sign bills A.9599 (Brennan)/S.7340 (Ranzenhofer) and S.6482 (DeFransico)/ A.8964 (Englebright) in order to provide nonprofits in New York State the timely to appropriate and payments for the irreplaceable services they render to New York State’s local communities.

I would appreciate hearing if you can support this important bill. I can be reached at [PHONE # AND EMAIL]

Sincerely, failure

[FIRST AND LAST NAME]

[JOB TITLE]