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

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The current situation for tenants in rent-controlled apartments has become untenable.

This year, rent raises for rent-stabilized tenants, which are set by the City, were 0% for a one year lease and 2% for a two year lease. Rent-controlled tenants, whose rents are set by the State, faced a 7 1/2 % to 9% increase. In addition, there is a tacked-on “oil charge” which can be as much as \$100 a month.

People who live in New York City in rent-regulated apartments face different rent regulations: rent-stabilized and rent-controlled. And in many cases, apartments in the same building are also unregulated, market rate units. Not only does this not make sense, but it is most unfair to the rent-controlled tenants, who are, for the most part, older, financially and physically challenged.

Even though the income level to be eligible for SCRIE has been raised, it still leaves out many senior families with fixed income and dwindling emergency resources living in New York City.

We urge you to address this problem and correct the unfairness to tenants of rent-controlled apartments.

Yours truly,

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