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Mayor Eric Adams  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams,

I write to express my deep concern and dissatisfaction regarding the practice of busing migrant people from New York City to upstate communities without any prior notice or communication to local government officials. This issue has been a growing concern among the residents of our upstate communities, and it is time we address it with urgency and compassion.

As the Assemblyman representing the town of Rotterdam, I believe in the importance of a fair and equitable approach to handling migration and providing assistance to those in need. However, the manner in which these bussing operations have been conducted raises significant ethical and logistical concerns.

First and foremost, the lack of communication with local government officials is highly concerning. Our communities deserve to be informed and engaged in any decisions that directly impact the people living here. The absence of such communication leaves us ill-prepared to provide the necessary support and resources to these individuals, which can lead to unintended consequences and strains on local infrastructure.

Furthermore, the displacement of people already residing in these facilities, particularly those living in poverty and experiencing personal hardships themselves, is deeply troubling. The abrupt eviction of these already struggling individuals on Tuesday morning, July 18th, is completely unacceptable and has left them to fend for themselves. Upstate communities have their own challenges in addressing poverty and ensuring the welfare of our residents. Adding an additional burden without proper planning or support mechanisms exacerbates these existing issues, creating further hardships for vulnerable individuals who are already facing adversity.

I implore you to reconsider your current approach to addressing the challenges faced by migrants arriving in New York City. Communication with local government officials is paramount to ensure that all residents receive the support and care they require.

Moreover, I encourage you to consider the socioeconomic impacts of these decisions. It is vital to find sustainable solutions that do not worsen the struggles of those already facing poverty in our upstate communities. By addressing the root causes and collaborating with local officials, we can find more effective ways to tackle these challenges.



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I urge you to take immediate action regarding these concerns and work to create a more equitable and compassionate approach to this complex issue.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelo Santabarbara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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111th District | Representing areas of Montgomery & Schenectady Counties