Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear (Elected Officials Name),

I am a (breast cancer survivor, volunteer or client) of the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program, and a constituent. I am requesting you include funding in the amount of $283,300 for the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline in your 2021-22 Executive Budget Proposal that was not funded this current year.

COVID-19’s impact across the world and the breast cancer community in New York has been devastating. The pandemic has contributed to a significant reduction in breast cancer screenings and delays in follow-up appointments, especially in underserved communities, it is crucial that this program’s services continue to be available to all New Yorkers.

The breadth of complimentary services provided by the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program which provide emotional support, health information and referrals to underserved community members and cancer patients are unparalleled. I am extremely concerned that the program was eliminated in the current New York State budget. The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program has been addressing the needs of breast cancer survivors and family members for forty years through no cost bilingual professional counseling, educational programs, and outreach to medically underserved New Yorkers. It is unthinkable to consider eliminating the program, leaving thousands of women and men without the necessary support they need during and after their breast cancer diagnosis.

In the last year, the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program has:

\* Referred **205** individuals for free or low-cost mammography screening through the New York State Cancer Services Program, and other providers;

\* Responded to over **519** hotline calls to New Yorkers affected by breast cancer;

\* Provided over **235** English language counseling services to over **70** clients;

\* Provided over **930** bilingual counseling sessions to **265** underserved women diagnosed at area hospitals;

\* Educated over **4,300** people via breast health workshops, including Spanish speaking and medically underserved women of color, and;

\* Received over **17,241** visits to the web site with our most popular pages including staff contact information, educational forums, and Paths to Wellness workshops.

**I am appealing to you to please ask Governor Cuomo to reinstate the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program for full funding of $283,300 in the 2021-2022 New York State Budget.** Now, more than ever, the program has an essential role to play in providing New Yorkers with free, life-saving, health, and licensed social social work services.

Thank you for your support, and leadership.

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(Name & Address)