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Dear (Elected Official’s Name),

I am a (breast cancer survivor, volunteer or client) of the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer

Hotline and Support Program (ABCP), and a constituent. The breadth of complimentary services

including licensed social work, educational programs and health referrals to underserved community

members and cancer patients are unparalleled. I am respectfully requesting your support for the

funding of $283,300.00 to be reinstated in the New York State Budget FY2025 for the Adelphi NY

Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program.

Over the past year, the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program has

increased social work counseling and support groups, provided access to critical health services

including education, referrals and support for medically underserved New Yorkers, and facilitated

Survivorship programming both remotely and in person. All of their professional services are completely

free and confidential to all New Yorkers. Long-term, the program reduces breast cancer mortality among

medically underserved individuals across New York State, providing services in both English and Spanish

languages.

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

o Educated over 6,500 people via community outreach and breast health workshops, including

Spanish speaking and medically underserved women of color;

o Provided 1,100 patients with licensed counseling services, support and advocacy to address

barriers that interfere with the continuity of treatment;

o Referred over 160 individuals for free or low-cost mammography screening through the New

York State Cancer Services Program, and other providers;

o Provided Survivorship programs for over 700 patients which lead to improved post-treatment

outcomes, and;

o Provided over 2,200 referrals for financial assistance and federal entitlement programs, and;

o Received over 20,000 visits to the web site with our most popular pages including, educational

forums, support groups, and our annual Celebration of Survivorship.

I am appealing to you to ask Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Health Committee Chairman Senator Gustavo Rivera to provide funding in the amount of $283,300.00 to the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program (ABCP). I am extremely concerned that ABCP has not been supported consistently in the New York State budget. Since 1980, the program has played an essential role in providing New Yorkers with free, life-saving, public health, and licensed social work services.

The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program urgently needs funding to be
reinstated in order to continue addressing the critical needs of the breast cancer community.

Thank you for your support and leadership.

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