**Date:** 3/13/25

Dear ***(Elected Official’s Name),***

I am a **(breast cancer survivor, volunteer, client, or caregiver)** 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 community members and cancer patients are unparalleled. **I am respectfully requesting your support for funding of $283,300.00 to be reinstated in FY 2025-2026 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. Long-term, the Program reduces breast cancer mortality among medically underserved individuals across New York State, providing services in both English and Spanish.

Specifically, in 2024, the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program has:

* Educated over 6,500 people via community outreach and breast health workshops;
* Provided over 1,000 patients with peer support and licensed counseling services;
* Referred over 100 individuals for free mammography screening through the NYS Cancer Services Program;
* Provided Survivorship programs for over 500 patients;
* Provided over 2,200 referrals for financial assistance and federal entitlement programs, and;
* Received over 15,000 visits to the web site.

Please ask Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to provide funding in the amount of $283,300.00 to the ABCP. I am extremely concerned the Program 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, peer support, 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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