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Steven Banks
Commissioner
Department of Homeless Services
4 World Trade Center
New York, NY 10003

Dear Commissioner Banks:

More than 200 people are now reported to be housed in “temporary” shelters in Sunset Park. This number represents 10 percent of the city’s entire hotel-sheltered homeless according to the City Comptroller. That number is too high and should be rectified immediately. Alternate housing sites should be located and new residences determined.

The safety of my constituents is paramount. They should not have to bear an inordinate number of homeless people in our community. Using temporary shelters and hotels in Sunset Park to the extent they are now is blatantly unfair..

Please be in touch with me with your plan to address this situation as soon as possible

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felix W. Ortiz".

Felix W. Ortiz
Assistant Speaker
New York State Assembly