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Dear Chair Krueger and Chair Pretlow,

Please accept this correspondence as submission of our written testimony for the 2026 Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Housing on February 25, 2026.

I'm writing as the Weatherization Director of Warren-Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. Our Weatherization Assistance Program serves constituents in Warren, Hamilton, and Washington Counties. We are extremely concerned about the proposal to redirect the longstanding 10% HEAP allocation away from the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Such a change would eliminate nearly 60% of our program funding, destabilizing decades of infrastructure, jeopardizing trained staff positions, and sharply reducing access to essential services for the most vulnerable households in our community. We respectfully urge the Legislature to preserve the 10% HEAP allocation in the one-house budget to maintain the stability and effectiveness of this essential program.

I've been here at Warren-Hamilton for 17 rewarding years. I never would have imagined staying here that long, but the work we do is too important. I personally see the struggles people have and the difference our WAP program makes improving their homes while giving people a sense of pride after work has been completed.

Thank you for your time and for your continued dedication to supporting New Yorkers most in need.

Sincerely,

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