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Honorable James L. Noble, President  
Common Council  
City of Kingston  
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Dear President Noble,

While our role in local government is to focus on matters pertaining to the City of Kingston, it is important for us to prepare for how transitions in leadership at the national level may impact small cities like ours. I believe that in times of change and uncertainty, we as community leaders must be as clear as possible with our constituents about how we will serve, protect and support them.

I have been approached by the Ministers Alliance of Kingston and a number of local religious leaders, the Worker Justice Center of New York and by community members throughout Kingston, all asking for me to consider declaring the City of Kingston a “sanctuary city.” While I believe these requests align with the principles and values of our community, and that more broadly we must continue to build trust and peace within city, I would like for the Council to explore these requests with me and consider preparing a memorializing resolution.

Please refer this matter to the appropriate committee and let me know when to attend. I have been in constant communication with Chief Tinti on this matter and expect that he will join me for this discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "STN".

Steven T. Noble  
Mayor