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 **#SaveNYCHA Coalition Statement on New York State Budget**

*New York fails to provide critical funding for public housing*

NEW YORK – April 2, 2019 – In response to the New York state budget, six members of the [Coalition for Capital Investment to #SaveNYCHA](https://thenyhc.org/savenycha/)—[Enterprise Community Partners](https://enterprisecommunity.org), the [New York Housing Conference](https://thenyhc.org/savenycha/), the [Community Service Society of New York](http://www.cssny.org/), [Legal Aid NYC](https://www.legalaidnyc.org/), [LISC NYC](http://www.lisc.org/nyc/), and the [Regional Plan Association](http://www.rpa.org/)—issued the following statement:

“Today, we are disappointed to learn that the Governor, Senate, and Assembly failed to take action to provide any new capital funding to the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) in the state budget, or to other capital-starved public housing authorities across the state. Given the long list of progressive accomplishments in the budget, it is shocking that funding critical repairs in public housing didn’t make the cut.

“NYCHA is at a crossroads and in dire need of funding. The agency has taken steps to raise $24 billion of the $32 billion for critical repairs, but a budget gap of at least $8 billion remains. Due to the State’s inaction and inability to make public housing a priority, more than half a million New Yorkers who call NYCHA home will have to go without critical repairs and upgrades for safer living conditions.

“Both the Senate and Assembly proposed significant investment for public housing in their respective one-house budgets, but the Governor proposed no additional funding. The remainder of the legislative session provides an opportunity to revisit funding for this critical asset; we urge the Governor and Legislature to come together and provide NYCHA with the necessary resources.

“At a time when the federal government has refused to provide much-needed funding, New Yorkers should be able to count on their representatives to ensure they have decent, safe homes.”

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