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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
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Governor Cuomo,

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you about Guardianship Corp., which is a Not for Profit organization dedicated to fulfilling an unmet need to step in and act as the responsible entity to the Court for indigent people in need of guardianships throughout Long Island. By combining a small paid staff with volunteers from the Suffolk County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.), Guardianship Corp. is able to provide high quality guardianship services to clients at a fraction of traditional costs.

Clients of Guardianship Corp. are some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Many are of low-to-moderate income without alternative support systems, many of whom suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, traumatic brain injuries, or a general decline in cognitive abilities. Guardians are in short supply in Suffolk County, where the senior population has aged significantly in the last 2 decades, and throughout New York State, which does not have a Community Guardianship Program. The creation and success of Guardianship Corp. has filled a void and allows individuals in our community to receive the care and compassion that they deserve.

Originally funded through the New York State Office of Court Administration in 2018, Guardianship Corp. has had tremendous success in a short time span. Unfortunately, Guardianship Corp. is in need of immediate funding to be able to continue to provide these vital services. At this point in time, Guardianship Corp. estimates that a lack of funding will force them to shut down operations in Fall 2019. In order to maintain operations through 2020, Guardianship Corp. is in need of \$250,000 in up front funding.

Guardianship Corp. has many fierce advocates and supporters among the Courts and local elected officials who have witnessed their constituents prosper under the Guardianship's helpful watch. The value of this program and the services that they provide to our community are priceless.

Please feel free to contact me at (631) 360-3356 with any questions or concerns.

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