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**Statement by City Council Speaker Quinn Regarding the State's Decision  
Not to Increase Rents on HASA Clients**

**CITY HALL** – City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn released the following statement regarding the State's decision not to increase rents on HIV/AIDS New Yorkers living in supportive housing.

"New Yorkers living with AIDS deserve access to safe, stable and affordable housing. That's why I congratulate Governor Spitzer, the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance (OTDA) and Mayor Bloomberg for stopping the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) rent increases.

"The possible HASA rent increase would have allowed the approximately 2,200 HASA clients who reside in supportive housing to keep only \$330 of their monthly income and would be required to use the balance for rent.

"But yesterday's announcement means that HASA clients will not receive a rent increase. And many families will be able to stay in stable housing and have access to critical tools in preserving their health.

"I want to congratulate the dedicated HIV/AIDS housing advocates who have fought against this increase. We will continue to stand with them as we work to provide additional relief and assistance to these already overburdened New York families."

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