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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON ASSEMBLY ONE-HOUSE
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

“I commend the Assembly for its one-house budget proposal, which includes a number of initiatives that will go a long way toward combatting inequality and protecting New Yorkers around this city. I am grateful to Speaker Heastie and the Assembly for their leadership.

“First, we’re pleased that the Assembly included a seven-year extension of mayoral control, as well as an increase in school aid and funds for universal pre-K over the Executive Budget. These additional dollars would help us continue to make the groundbreaking reforms and innovations that truly serve our kids.

“The Assembly’s minimum wage proposal is also a critical step toward providing the fair wages New Yorkers need and deserve as we continue to take on income inequality in New York City and beyond.

“Additionally, the Assembly included a number of key housing initiatives aimed at tackling the affordability crisis. This includes funds for the Tenant Protection Unit to help protect tenants from landlord harassment. We are also heartened to see increased funding for NYCHA.

“We’re also pleased that the Assembly restored the Executive Budget’s cut to homelessness funding and restored full state operating funding for the vital NY/NY IV housing program.

“The Assembly’s bill included other key initiatives for the City, such as tax reform that provides vital relief for small businesses and manufacturers, and an increase in the credit for renters as part of the property tax circuit breaker.

“We look forward to continuing to work with Speaker Heastie and the entire Assembly, as well as the Governor and the Senate, on a budget that will serve all New Yorkers.”

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