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MAYOR ADAMS' STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement on New York Governor Kathy Hochul's State of the State address:

"Governor Hochul's State of the State outlined an ambitious agenda that would help make New York City stronger, safer, and more affordable for working families. The governor's proposals on housing, mental illness, and public safety reflect New York City's priorities and build on the past year of partnership and collaboration between our administrations.

"As I said in my plan to 'Get Stuff Built,' this administration is prepared to help meet the need for 500,000 additional homes in New York City over the next decade. But we cannot meet that goal alone — we need some key state legislative changes to provide us the tools to build everywhere, faster, and with all our communities. The governor's commitment to ensuring that our state finally builds the housing needed to address the affordability crisis is the type of bold leadership we need, and acknowledges that our neighboring suburbs must do much more to solve what is ultimately a regional problem.

"New Yorkers see the mounting mental health crises around them every day, and solving this requires all levels of government. I applaud the governor's expansive investments in New York City's continuum of care. Make no mistake about it, our collective efforts will make New York safer and improve the lives of thousands of those struggling with severe mental illness. This is what partnership in government looks like, and I appreciate her supporting the plan we laid out last year on this issue.

"Finally, Governor Hochul has doubled down on the investment and innovation needed to keep New Yorkers safe. At the same time, the investments to prevent recidivism and provide wraparound services will help address the feeders of criminal behavior — a critical prevention step."

"There is much to celebrate in this important address, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the governor to make New York City stronger, safer, and more affordable in the upcoming budget."