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Subject: Response from the Office of the New York State Attorney General

To:

November 8, 2021

Dear Friend:

Thank you for contacting me to express your views about the location of substance abuse facilities in Harlem. I appreciate you sharing your concerns about your community with me and I will keep your comments in mind.

As Attorney General, my office continues to aggressively pursue those accountable for the opioid epidemic that afflicts New York. The settlements that we reached hold certain manufacturers and distributors accountable for the part they played in fueling the addiction crisis and ensure that settlement funds go to communities for treatment, recovery, and prevention programs. However, per the settlement agreements, my office does not play a role in deciding specifically how funds are spent, nor are we part of the process that determines where addiction service facilities are located. Therefore, if you have not done so already, you may wish to also share your concerns with your representative on the New York City Council as well as with other city officials who will be involved in deciding how funding is spent and where treatment centers are located.

Once again, thank you for reaching out to me. Your commitment to improving the quality of life in your community is to be commended, and I share it. To that end, please do not hesitate to contact me again about other issues of concern.

Sincerely,

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