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Dear Honorable Conferees:

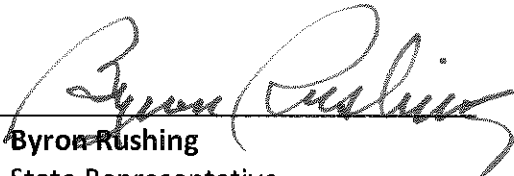
We are writing to urge the FY19 Conference Committee to fully fund both the **Tenancy Preservation Program (7004-3045)** and **Housing Court expansion (0336-0003)** as provided in the Senate's proposed budget.

Since the authorization for Housing Court expansion was passed last year – along with \$1 million to start implementation – two new sittings have happened, more are being planned, cases are being filed and transferred to the Housing Court, and five new Housing Court judges have been confirmed. **Full funding in the amount of \$2.6 is needed to complete the expansion so that it reaches all of our communities.**

To ensure that the Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) – **available only in Housing Court** – also reaches those communities, **full funding in the amount of \$1.3 million is needed.** TPP is embraced by both landlords and tenants, preserves the tenancies of people who struggle mental health challenges, prevents homelessness among vulnerable elders, single people and families with children, and saves our state millions of dollars every year in shelter costs.


For these reasons, we request that the FY19 Conference Committee provide full funding for both TPP and Housing Court expansion.

Sincerely,



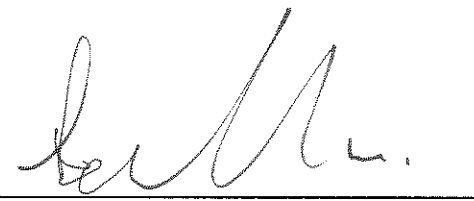
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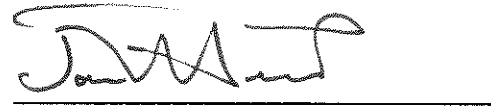
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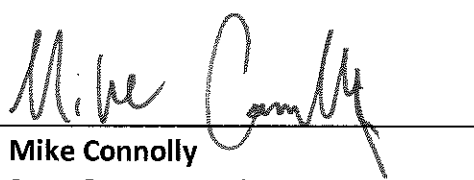
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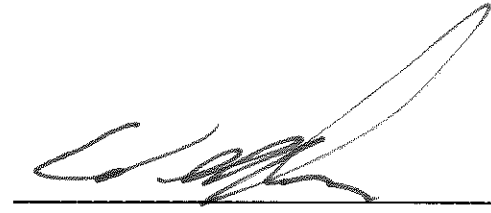
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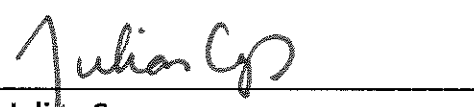
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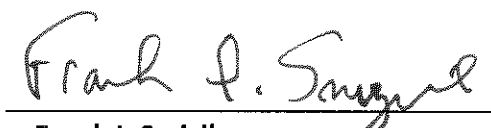
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**Julian Cyr**  
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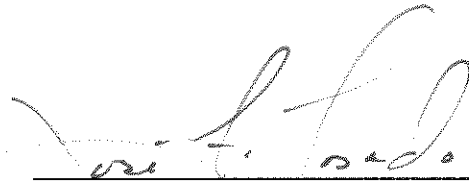
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**Denise Provost**  
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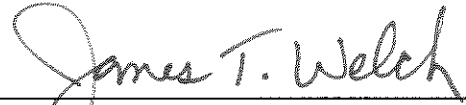
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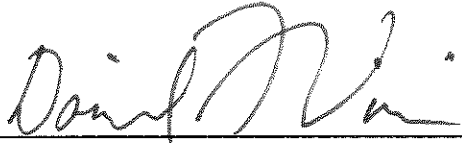
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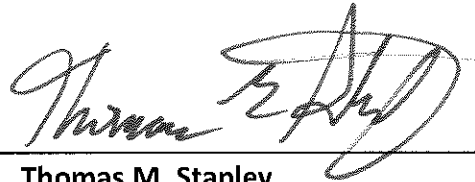
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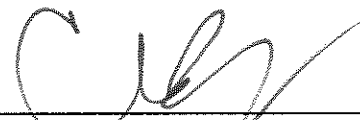
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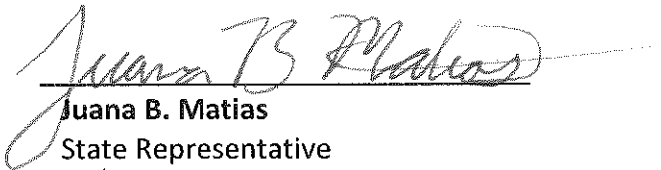
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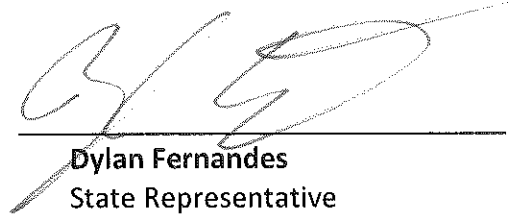
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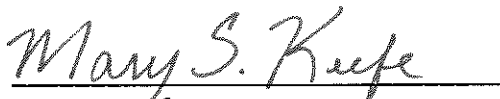
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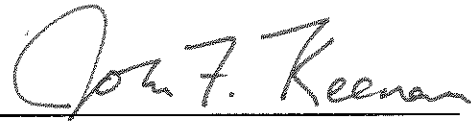
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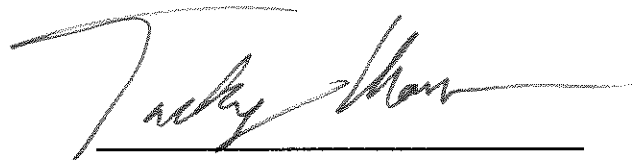
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Third Middlesex



**Sal N. DiDomenico**  
State Senator  
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**Bruce J. Ayers**  
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**Tackey Chan**  
State Representative  
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