



Council of Senior Centers & Services of NYC, Inc.

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Speaker Christine C. Quinn
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Speaker Quinn,

On behalf of CSCS and our over 200 member agencies serving 300,000 older New Yorkers, we wholeheartedly thank you for successfully getting the senior center rfp withdrawn. It was your leadership of strong and visible opposition to the senior center restructuring plan, along with all of City Council, that has resulted in protecting senior center participants from the fear that their senior center could close. The senior center rfp plan was flawed and could have also been a detriment to the meals, services and the welcoming environment seniors value at their local senior center.

CSCS looks forward to working with you and the new DFTA Commissioner, Lilliam Barrios Paoli, in planning for the future of senior centers that allows them to remain the accessible, safe havens thousands of older New Yorkers have come to depend upon and cherish.

If you need further information, please contact Bobbie Sackman, Director of Public Policy, (212) 398-6565 x226 or bsackman@cscs-ny.org

All of us at CSCS wish you and your staff a happy new year.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director