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### **STATEMENT ON THE 2022-23 FINAL STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT**

**By Sarah Ravenhall, NYSACHO Executive Director**

“The final state budget agreement makes significant investments in New York's public health infrastructure, including a long-sought increase to Article 6 funding. NYSACHO and the local health departments we represent are grateful to Governor Hochul and the Legislature for their support of this funding. We welcome this progress as an important first step in providing the resources necessary to make our public health system fully capable of responding to the myriad public health threats facing our communities—including childhood lead poisoning.

“As New York State Commissioner of Health Dr. Mary Bassett recently said when discussing the state budget: 'Overcoming years of underinvestment in public health won't be a one shot deal.'

“We believe the Commissioner is absolutely right and we are excited to work with the Governor, the Department of Health and the Legislature to build on the successes of this budget to make our public health infrastructure even stronger in the future.”

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