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Memorandum in Support of A. 395-A

An act to amend the elder law, in relation to matching funds for grants under the naturally occurring retirement community supportive service program

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports A. 395-A, legislation to allow matching funds to be raised in neighborhoods contiguous to, but outside of the geographic NORC boundary, upon approval of the director of the State Office for the Aging.

Allowing NORCs to diversify their revenue sources by raising money outside of the geographic boundary of the NORC will improve their viability. By expanding the pool of donors, NORCs will be able to generate more private money, and diminish the need for increases in state support.

These programs have provided financial savings to the state and local governments of New York by ensuring that seniors remain vibrant, active members of their community. By expanding revenue sources for NORCs, these programs to continue where they otherwise may have to disband due to an inability to garner the monetary contributions needed to match the funds made available by the New York State Office for the Aging.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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