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May 7, 2004

Councilmember Margarita Lopez
250 Broadway, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Councilmember Lopez:

I am writing to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Shalom Tenants Coalition. This funding will enable the Shalom Tenants Coalition to strengthen the critically important tenant organizing, education and legal services it is providing to New York City residents. Without our support, hundreds of families across the city are likely to continue to face harassment and illegal evictions.

I am certain we are all too aware that there are individuals who purchase rent regulated buildings with the intention of evicting long-term regulated tenants as quickly as possible regardless of the law in order to significantly increase rents. Unfortunately, the family that has purchased the 30+ buildings identified by the Shalom Tenants Coalition appears to be engaged in such a campaign of displacement. The scope and viciousness of this campaign, and the lawlessness with which it is being waged, has become increasingly evident through conversations with constituents and tenant leaders, the extensive research of my staff, and numerous articles in the press.

My staff and I are working closely with the leaders of the Shalom Tenants Coalition and the offices of other elected officials to help tenants obtain emergency repairs, document innumerable violations of City and State laws and convince the appropriate agencies to take appropriate action. The ability of the coalition to effectively organize disparate groups of tenants throughout many communities in Manhattan and the Bronx with limited resources has been extraordinarily impressive.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Krueger".

Liz Krueger
State Senator