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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Re: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass S.5443, An Act to Amend the Social Services Law, in Relation to Restricting Public Assistance Payments for Certain Erectile Dysfunction Medication for Sex Offenders

Honorable Legislators:

On May 23rd, New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi released a shocking report revealing that almost two hundred level three sex offenders received prescriptions for Viagra under the taxpayer-funded, state-run Medicaid program. Offenses committed by these convicts include crimes against children as young as two years of age and a woman as old as 90 years of age. These findings are not only appalling and shameful; they present a substantial threat to public safety. No convicted sex offender should be eligible to receive any type of erectile dysfunction drug at taxpayers' expense.

Fighting sex crimes and preventing repeat offenses by convicted sex offenders requires steadfast resolve and diligence. The depth of tragedy resulting from crimes committed by sexual predators calls for severe action. There is no room for an administrative oversight like the one exposed by Comptroller Hevesi. An obvious and outrageous abuse of the Medicaid program, there is absolutely no justification for prescribing Viagra to sex offenders.

I ask you to join me in urging the New York State Legislature to pass S.5443, an act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to restricting public assistance payments for certain erectile dysfunction medication for sex offenders.

Respectfully submitted,

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