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Mr. Martin S. Begun
Chairman
The Community Services Board
Department of Mental Health
Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services
93 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013

Dear Marty:

I apologize for being tardy in getting back to you, but I do want to let you know how much I appreciate your letter and the Board resolution supporting the Administration's plan to expand services to the homeless mentally ill.

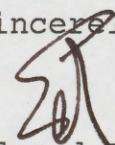
I know you understand that while this initiative will not help all homeless mentally ill, it will help those most seriously disabled and at risk to get the assistance and medical care they need. Of course, the longer range solution to the problems of the homeless mentally ill lies in the development of additional community based and specially supported residential homes, which are the responsibility of the State.

We will continue our efforts to work with the State to enable the homeless mentally ill people to receive care in appropriate residential settings.

Once again, thank you for your letter.

All the best.

Sincerely,


Edward I. Koch
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