

## HLAA MEMBERS IN NEW YORK STATE:

### MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL !

As members of the hearing loss community, we are close to having a New York State agency that represents *our* interests. Those of you who contacted your state legislators helped get the Senate and Assembly bills S1852 and A6710 passed unanimously in the final days of the 2022 legislative session. However, **we are not there yet ... Governor Hochul needs to sign the legislation before year end.**

*Each of us should contact the governor.* Isn't 5 or 10 minutes of your time worth promoting proper representation for us in Albany after years of benign neglect?

We put together a suggested letter, attached, for you to adapt. Send your letter by email, snail mail or both. Also call the governor's office and leave a message politely requesting her support. Be sure to mention where you live and your HLAA Chapter affiliation (if any).

**E-FORM:** <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

**MAIL:** Hon. Kathleen C. Hochul, Governor, Capitol Bldg., Albany, NY 12224

**PHONE:** (518) 474-8390 (office hours 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday)

### ALSO . . .

- **Sign** the Change.Org petition (at <https://chnge.it/J6B5P4LJw4>). Eblast it to your HLAA members and friends; post it to Facebook pages, Twitter, etc.
- Have your Chapter President **write** to the Governor on behalf your local board and membership.
- **Bring this up** at your next Chapter Board meeting and at monthly chapter meetings.
- **Contact** your local newspaper's editorial page editor or editor in chief to ask for an editorial in support. (Topic: Why is NY one of only 12 states without a commission?)
- **Contact** the news directors of your local TV and radio stations to request an on-air interview or talk show opportunity. (Topic: Why is NY one of only 12 states without a commission?)
- Contact Jerry Bergman ([jerbergman1@me.com](mailto:jerbergman1@me.com)) for copies of the legislation, answers to questions you may have or other help.