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PAUL H. TORRES
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk Team Members:

JOHN MCGUIGAN
Chief Operating Officer

Two weeks ago, the New York State legislature approved a new budget.

CHRISTOPHER VEROS
Chief Financial Officer

Because of many months of persistent advocacy from our staff, self-advocates, families, Board members, colleague agencies across the state, provider associations and likeminded legislators, I am pleased to let you know that this is the most positive and impactful budget we have seen in the past ten years.

OFFICERS

JOHN SMITH
President

DEBORAH PFLIEGER
Treasurer

While important details are still to come, the budget includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA), bonuses for many of our staff positions, and other components that will help strengthen our programmatic and financial position. More details to come!

DIRECTORS

Alden B. Kaplan

James P. O'Connor

Brian O'Reilly

Not only is this good news, but it is a perfect example of how advocacy works!! There is strength in numbers, and our voices are louder when we shout together! It is so meaningful to know that when we share advocacy efforts and ask you to reach out to your elected officials, so many of you are heeding that call. *#InItTogether*

As I've mentioned before, Chapter memberships are a fantastic and affordable way to help our collective AHRC Suffolk voice be strong. Memberships are as affordable as \$15 per adult per calendar year. The representation we receive in Albany is based upon our membership totals. Please, I encourage you to consider becoming a member if you aren't already, and for you to encourage your friends and family to join as well. Our voice can only become louder as our membership numbers grow! You can easily sign up **HERE** or by calling 631.585.0100 ext. 263.

We are looking *fore-ward* to our 30th Annual Golf Outing, taking place on June 15. This is our second largest fundraiser of the year, and all funds raised go towards the vital programs and services we are pleased to provide to individuals and families. If you or someone you know likes to golf, please join us! Foursomes, twosomes and singles are still available! For those who don't golf, we have several sponsorship options available and you can even join us for dinner! Please visit our event website **HERE** for all the details! Thank you in advance for your support.

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

Paul H. Torres
Chief Executive Officer

