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### Memorandum of Support

I am writing on behalf of the Queens Museum of Art in support of the Non-Profit Homeland Security Preparedness Act currently being presented to the Legislature by Assembly Member Rory Lancman and State Senator Dean Skelos. Non-profit organizations, including art museums, science centers, performance venues, zoos and other community forums that host large numbers of our diverse public, have, in the Post 9/11 era become highlighted as potential targets for terrorist attacks. With this in mind, funds must be made available to these institutions to help offset the mounting costs of securing our patrons, our communities and our holdings.

Federal funding has thus far been insufficient in addressing our needs, therefore making funding on the State level necessary in order for institutions such as the Queens Museum of Art to continue to safely provide the community with the enriching experiences they have grown accustomed to. The Non-Profit Homeland Security Preparedness Act would be an important step in insuring that the public continues to receive the valuable services that are provided by the State's non-profit institutions.

The borough of Queens stands today as a model of how an ethnically diverse community can exist harmoniously and we must do everything we can to protect this unique demographic characteristic. The non-profit organizations that serve these communities act as the public forums in which tolerance is spread, and the artistic expression that our cultural institutions promote seeks the commonalities amongst all people, further cementing the unique sense of internationalism that exists within our borough, our city and our country. We must not take that for granted, nor should we overlook the need for safe and secure centers for public discourse and cultural appreciation.

With this in mind, the Queens Museum of Art wholeheartedly supports the passage of the Non-Profit Homeland Security Preparedness Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Finkelpearl', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Tom Finkelpearl  
Executive Director