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**Statement from Commissioner and Chair Christine Clarke on
City Funding for the NYC Commission on Human Rights**

New York, NY -- Yesterday, the Mamdani Administration, in partnership with City Council, adopted the annual budget, restoring \$1.6 million in funding for the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Christine Clarke, Commissioner and Chair of the Commission on Human Rights, issued the following response:

"I am deeply grateful to Mayor Mamdani, Speaker Julie Menin, Civil Rights Committee Chair Sandy Nurse, and the New York City Council for recognizing the critical role the Commission on Human Rights plays in protecting New Yorkers from discrimination, retaliation, and harassment. I also want to thank the advocates, community partners, and New Yorkers who continue to stand alongside us in this work.

At a time when many communities are increasingly uncertain about their rights, this funding will strengthen the Commission's ability to meet the moment and expand the infrastructure necessary to respond to reports of discrimination quickly and effectively.

Every New Yorker deserves to live, work, and thrive free from discrimination. We look forward to working with the Administration and City Council to create a stronger and more equitable city."

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About the New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)

CCHR is the agency responsible for enforcing the NYC Human Rights Law, one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Commission works to promote equality and combat discrimination in New York City through law enforcement, community relations, and public education. For more information, visit nyc.gov/humanrights.