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## **Memorandum of Support** **A.10674 (M. of A. Gunther) and S.8815 (M. of S. Ortt)**

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the construction and financing of facilities by the dormitory authority for the New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation; and to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1998, amending public authorities law relating to the construction and financing of facilities by the dormitory authority for the New York State Rehabilitation Association, in relation to extending the expiration and repeal of such provisions

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The New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation (New York Alliance) supports legislation to continue to offer to its membership low-cost financing to support projects in the disabilities field. The measure, A.10674 and S.8815, extends bonding authority for the New York State Rehabilitation Association and its successor organization, the New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation (New York Alliance). If enacted, the association's bonding authority would be extended for another five years.

The New York Alliance is a statewide association representing 175 not-for-profit provider agencies serving people with disabilities. The New York Alliance envisions a society where people with disabilities are contributing citizens with equal rights and the ability to live full, productive and meaningful lives. The association is the result of ongoing efforts to merge two associations: the New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies and the New York State Rehabilitation Association.

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) offers financing, as a conduit issuer, on behalf of higher education, health care, other not-for-profit institutions and certain public institutions. Through New York Public Authorities Law, entities granted statutory bonding authority through DASNY can offer its member not-for-profit agencies with opportunities to obtain low-cost, tax-exempt bonds to provide important supports and services and create the infrastructure that drives both the local and statewide economies.

Since the New York State Rehabilitation Association's authority to utilize the DASNY construction and management services was established, the association has offered bonds for construction, renovation, improvement and equipping of projects in New York's intellectual, developmental and behavioral health fields. Without the extension of the bonding authority, significant projects underway would be in jeopardy and future transformation initiatives involving residential, clinical, day programming, job training and workforce development might be hindered. Therefore, the New York Alliance supports the passage of A.10674 in the State Assembly and S.8815 in the State Senate.



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