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**JOANNE M. OPLUSTIL, PRESIDENT AND CEO, CAMBA/CAMBA HOUSING VENTURES,**

**STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR CUOMO'S \$2 BILLION HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING MOU**

Joanne M. Oplustil, President and CEO of CAMBA/CAMBA Housing Ventures, issued the following statement today on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's announcement directing the State Division of Budget to sign the \$2 billion homelessness and housing Memorandum of Understanding:

"CAMBA/CAMBA Housing Ventures commends Governor Cuomo for his robust five-year, statewide affordable housing plan. This historic \$2 billion investment will create more than 100,000 units of affordable and supportive housing, preserve affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods – providing life-changing opportunities and services for the most vulnerable New Yorkers."

[Read Governor Cuomo's announcement.](#)

**About CAMBA, Inc./CAMBA Housing Ventures, Inc.**

Founded in 1977, CAMBA, Inc. is one of Brooklyn's largest community-based social service organizations. Our mission is to provide services that connect people with opportunities that enhance their quality of life and develop their communities. CAMBA annually provides services to more than 45,000 individuals and families in six core areas: Economic Development; Education and Youth Development; Family Support; Health, Housing and Legal Services. CAMBA clients are those who are: moving from welfare to work; individuals and families experiencing, at risk of or transitioning out of homelessness; individuals living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS; immigrants and refugees; children and young adults; entrepreneurs; and others struggling to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.

In 2005, CAMBA created CAMBA Ventures, Inc. (CHV), an affiliated development corporation. The mission of CAMBA Housing Ventures is to develop sustainable and energy-efficient buildings that provide safe and affordable housing for low-income and formerly homeless individuals and families. When provided with resources that are meaningful and culturally relevant, CAMBA's clients make tremendous contributions toward strengthening their own lives and communities.

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