STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF FLOOD RISK DISCLOSURE FOR RESIDENTIAL LEASES IN NYS

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Today is a great day for all renters in the State of New York. The passage of A7876A/S5472A, requiring flood risk disclosure for residential leases, will give New York State residents information about potential flood dangers before they rent a new home. After recent storms like Hurricane Ida took the lives of people in basement and ground floor apartments, especially in lower income communities, this is a major step forward. Renters now are more likely to be informed about flood risks, flood insurance, and what it means to live in a highly floodable area or floodplain. The Rise to Resilience Coalition and the Waterfront Alliance commend Senator Brad Hoylman and Assembly Member Robert Carroll for their leadership.

This is a strong first step to protecting all New Yorkers from flood risks. It sets up a pathway toward full flood risk disclosure for homeowners. Protection for all New York residents will be a continued priority of ours. We look forward to pushing with the Rise to Resilience Coalition for flood risk disclosure for home sales in the coming months.

Rise to Resilience

For 15 years the Waterfront Alliance has served as the New York-New Jersey region’s advocate for coastal resilience, waterfront access, and the working waterfront, and has enlisted more than 1,100 Alliance partners along the way. Waterfront Alliance spearheads the Rise to Resilience Campaign and Coalition which includes more than 100 organizations representing leaders in business, labor, environmental justice, volunteer organizations, scientists, environmental advocates, and design professionals collectively calling on our federal, state, and local governments to make building climate resilience an urgent priority.

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