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STATEMENT BY DAVID R. JONES ON GOVERNOR CUOMO’S EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING STATEWIDE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

The struggles of individuals, families and small businesses in New York to obtain affordable health insurance are real. Today, Governor Cuomo acknowledged that truth, and took decisive action to help millions of New Yorkers meet their health care needs without giving all their money to the insurance industry. By issuing an Executive Order today authorizing a health care insurance exchange in New York, the governor signaled his commitment to tackling systemic problems associated with the state’s health insurance market. We applaud the governor’s leadership on this issue, and look forward to working with him toward making quality, affordable health insurance available to all New Yorkers.

For more than 168 years, the Community Service Society of New York has been the leading voice on behalf of low-income New Yorkers and continues to advocate for the economic security of the working poor in the nation’s largest city. We respond to urgent, contemporary challenges with applied research, advocacy, litigation, and innovative program models that help the working poor achieve a better quality of life and promote a more prosperous city.