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## Senator Brouk, Assemblymember Jen Lunsford Host Community Listening Session for Residents at Pines of Perinton

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**PERINTON, NY** - Senator Samra Brouk and Assemblymember Jen Lunsford hosted a virtual call on Monday evening to hear concerns from residents at the Pines of Perinton. Nearly 70 residents joined the call to share concerns about the livability of the units. Common concerns ranged from insect and rodent infestations, mold, water leaks, and gas leaks.

One resident reported that her daughter was scratched in the face by mice while sleeping in her bed. Others reported ceilings that fell in as a result of unaddressed water damage. Several residents also shared that there were discrepancies between what management at The Pines of Perinton asked them to pay versus what was listed on their account.

Several residents also shared concerns about safety. Specific concerns were voiced regarding poor lighting in outdoor areas and doors that do not lock. Other residents shared concerns about wheelchairs getting stuck on unshoveled sidewalks and parking areas, a lack of ADA-compliant ramps and parking, and doors that do not open or are not wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. In response to the concerns heard tonight, Senator Brouk, Assemblymember Lunsford and others plan to work together with tenants to identify solutions to improve the living conditions for residents and hold property management

accountable.

**Senator Samra Brouk said,** “After seeing several units at The Pines in person, and hearing from residents on our call tonight, enough is enough. Over the past several months my office has been working to find solutions for residents, and now we have an even clearer picture of what needs to be done. No family should live under the circumstances that we saw today, and no one should fear eviction for speaking out against poor living conditions. I’m grateful for the bravery of the Pines residents who spoke up and shared their experiences, and I remain committed to finding opportunities for real change.”

**Assemblymember Jen Lunsford said,** “I want to thank the residents who came forward tonight to speak about their experiences. For years residents of the Pines of Perinton have been complaining about mold, mice and other hazardous conditions. They have been treated with disrespect, suspicion and disregard by management. The fire last month was the straw that broke the camel’s back. What we heard from residents tonight is that they are fed up, and it's easy to see why. With so few affordable rental options in Fairport these families can’t simply move. The management at the Pines needs to step up and remedy these dangerous living conditions before another tragedy strikes.”