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**Statement by Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
Executive Director Jennifer March
Regarding Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address**

New York, NY -- In his State of the State address today, Governor Cuomo outlined a progressive justice agenda that takes many ambitious steps to improve the well-being of all New Yorkers. Some of the key commitments highlighted in his speech include passage of the Child Victims Act, the DREAM Act, the Comprehensive Contraceptive Coverage Act, and the Reproductive Health Act; enacting cash bail reform and funding implementation of Raise the Age; enacting rent regulation reforms and ending vacancy decontrol; reducing taxes for middle class households; and ensuring that Education funding is distributed directly to the poorest schools within school districts.

As budget negotiations and the legislative session commence, CCC seeks to build on this agenda by paying attention to the needs of New York's most vulnerable children and families. Among our core policy and budget priorities, we look forward to working with the Governor and State Legislature to secure investments in services and subsidies that combat family homelessness, restore resources for child welfare prevention and foster care, protect and expand access to Early Intervention and behavioral health services for children, and ensure that tax relief benefits New York's lowest income households, among others.

About Citizens' Committee for Children of New York

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York educates and mobilizes New Yorkers to make the city a better place for children. Since 1944, our advocacy has combined public policy research and data analysis with citizen action. We cast light on the issues, educate the public, engage allies, and identify and promote practical solutions to ensure that every New York City child is healthy, housed, educated and safe. For more information on CCC, visit our web site at www.cccnewyork.org. Stay up to date on the latest news and information regarding the well-being of New York City's children by following us on Facebook and Twitter.