

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**August 9, 2010**

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**Appendix C-3(i): Letter from then-County Executive Spano to BOL Members  
Advocating for the Adoption of Source of Income Discrimination Legislation dated  
October 23, 2009**



Andrew J. Spano  
County Executive

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Hon. Ken Jenkins, Chair, Committee on Government Operations  
Hon. William Burton, Chair Committee on Legislation  
Westchester County Board of Legislators  
148 Martine Avenue  
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: Source of Income Legislation

Dear Honorable Legislators Jenkins and Burton:

Over the past year, several committee meetings and public hearings have been held regarding the proposed legislation to include "source of income" as a protected category under the Westchester County Fair Housing Law. This proposed legislation has been the result of residents of our County experiencing discrimination in housing solely because of their legal source of income.

This legislation that is before your respective committees will further protect the rights of residents by including source of income as a protected class under our Westchester County Fair Housing Law.

Having heard from both advocates and opponents on this matter, and after careful consideration, I believe it to be necessary and important legislation.

Please be advised that pending approval by the Board of Legislators, I will sign it into law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Spano  
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