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FY2010 Budget Threatens Core Programs Serving NYC's most vulnerable

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“Mayor Bloomberg’s FY 2010 Budget threatens core programs that protect New York City’s poor and working families at a time when these New Yorkers need help more than ever. While we recognize that these are difficult times, a budget is a reflection of priorities; we believe the City of New York must adjust its priorities to focus on the needs of low and moderate income children, working parents, immigrants, and seniors. While we are thankful for restorations in the Executive Budget, particularly to child care, we are very concerned about cuts to core human services such as youth development programs and supportive services for older adults. These programs protect the most vulnerable New Yorkers – children and seniors – at a time when they need services the most.”