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Statement From Rockland County Legislature Chairman Jay Hood Jr. On Gov. Kathy Hochul's Declaration Of A Disaster Emergency

I thank Gov. Hochul for her efforts to ease some of the regulations regarding the spending of funds that will be needed to assist the influx of migrants who are expected to enter the United States as Title 42 expires on Thursday. Many of those who enter are likely to make their way to New York City and surrounding communities, including Rockland County.

Funding is a major issue when it comes to accepting migrants into communities and assisting them with their needs – housing, food, education, health, employment and more.

But easing funding and purchasing rules is not the solution to this ongoing, decades-long problem.

Finding a way to stem the waves of immigrants or establishing a functional system of legal immigration are the solutions. Our Federal authorities – the President, the House of Representatives and the Senate – must find a solution.

These migrants are human beings in need, and they don't need to be pawns in a political scuffle. They have left failed countries, and fled because of extreme poverty, drug cartels and more.

Rockland County, like similar communities across America, is not set up to handle the demands presented by their needs nor should local taxpayers have to bear the load of such expenses.

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