



Press Statement

300 SENIORS FROM AROUND THE CITY TO DESCEND ON CITY HALL TO OPPOSE LARGEST CUTS EVER TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING (DFTA)

May 12, 2010

The NYC Department for the Aging's (DFTA) budget is slated to be slashed by \$44 million, 25% of all cities funding for senior services plus an additional \$4.2 million for the closing of 50 senior centers.

On Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:00am-12:00pm, on the City Hall steps, the members of Millennium Development along with the senior citizens from neighborhoods through the city came together to oppose these cuts that directly impact their lives and those of their families, friends and neighbor. Senior delegations met with 45 of the Councilmember to discuss the damage these budget cuts would do to their lives and other older New Yorkers.

According to Igal Jellinek, Executive Director of CSCS, "The Graying of NYC's Population is happening all around. The Bloomberg administration's budget is unwisely planning to cut deeply into services including \$26 million in cuts to senior center infrastructure funding. Those who are invisible victims will suffer loss of home care hours or will join the 700 elders already languishing on waiting lists, elder abuse victims, those attending adults day programs for people with Alzheimer's and other critical services will be cut. The city's budget should not be balanced on the backs of people in their 80's and 90's. CSCS remains steadfast in opposition to cuts placing vulnerable elderly New Yorkers in situations that threaten their social, emotional and health safety."

Millennium has been providing youth, family, and senior programming to the residents of southern Brooklyn for over 15 years, with a focus on positive active programming. All of the Millennium centers provide a variety of activities and programs promoting physical fitness and mental well-being.

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