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Dear New York City Seniors:

The New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) and the Mayor's Office are committed to maintaining the diversity and inclusion upon which New York City was built. Regardless of where you were born, whether or how you decide to worship, or whom you love, DFTA will continue to welcome you with open arms. We understand that our City -- and Nation -- is strengthened by our differences.

We know that some of the people DFTA serves may have concerns about the confidentiality of their information, especially any information about their immigration status. Here is information that will help you understand how DFTA asks for and uses information about immigration status.

The City has strong policies to protect the privacy of your information. DFTA and DFTA's contractors are committed to protecting your confidential information, including your immigration status, consistent with law and DFTA's policies.

When you go to a Senior Center or seek other services for seniors, staff may not ask about your immigration status except to assess your eligibility for benefits. Answering this question is completely voluntary.

If you choose to share your immigration status to apply for certain benefits, the information may be shared with other City agencies, City contractors and the state or federal government to complete your application.

If you choose not to answer questions about immigration status, DFTA and the providers will still help you to obtain the services for which your immigration status does not matter.

All New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, can continue to access DFTA and City services. Call 311 or visit nyc.gov/immigrants for more information from the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Corrado".

Donna M. Corrado, PhD
Commissioner
NYC Department for the Aging

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nisha Agarwal".

Nisha Agarwal
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Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs