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Office Investigated Case Which Led to Today's Sentencing of NYSHCR Official for Stealing Nearly \$1M in Housing Funding

Agnes Bernier's sentence should send a strong message to anyone who is inclined to use their public position to break the law. Ms. Bernier egregiously abused her position to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars from agencies charged with providing housing subsidies to those in need. I am pleased that my office's investigation helped expose this scheme, and led to appropriate consequences. My office will continue to vigorously pursue cases like this to ensure taxpayer dollars are protected and the public's trust in government remains firm.

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