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Squadron Responds to Lich Vote: 'Our Fight Isn't Over'

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BROOKLYN -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron released the following statement upon the SUNY Board of Trustees vote to authorize Downstate's president to propose a plan to the New York State Department of Health that could close Long Island College Hospital (LICH) and sell off the hospital for real estate development:

"Our fight isn't over.

"As I said yesterday, SUNY's plan essentially turns a \$63 million state grant into a subsidy for a massive real estate deal that will cut essential services without any community benefit. It should be no surprise that our community and Brooklyn will feel looted with this result.

"DOH has an opportunity to ensure the needs of this community and all of Brooklyn are met -- and that's precisely what we will urge it to do."

[Squadron testified against the plan at yesterday's hearing.](#)

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