



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Daniel Squadron Statement on Doh Approval of Lich Closure Plan

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BROOKLYN -- State Senator Daniel Squadron, who represents Long Island College Hospital, released the following statement upon the State Department of Health's approval of SUNY's closure plan for LICH:

DOH's approval of the LICH closure plan is a terrible mistake. We are already seeing the consequences during this extreme and dangerous heatwave.

By allowing SUNY to mothball LICH before a new operator is in place, DOH's decision undermines a long-term healthcare solution for the community and Brooklyn. There are solutions for LICH, and significant interest from potential operators -- but the state and SUNY have come together to undermine those, instead of working collaboratively to make them a reality.

We continue to strongly urge DOH, SUNY and the Governor to come together to preserve this vital resource.

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