



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senator Stewart-Cousins Regarding 1199 SEIU Contract Agreement Reached at the Michael Malotz Skilled Nursing Home In Yonkers

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Yonkers, NY - "From my perspective, there were too many lives hanging in the balance: the residents who depend on quality nursing home care; workers facing a diminished standard of living; and a hospital straining under the weight of a nursing home it could no longer afford. That's why I felt it extremely important to bring the parties back to the table and help them stay there, until a deal was reached. Now, Adira will provide excellent nursing home care in partnership with 1199 workers, who will maintain their wages and benefits, so St. John's can continue focusing on what they do best, providing great hospital care."

Listen to full remarks here: <https://youtu.be/AyniynMs4Yo>

Background: Senator Stewart-Cousins intervened this month after negotiations stalled, and urged all sides to return to the bargaining table including St. John's Riverside Hospital (which is selling the facility in Yonkers), Adira Rehabilitation (which is buying the facility) and 1199 SEIU. A news conference was held today, August 21, 2015, by 1199SEIU to announce the contract details.