



July 19, 2013

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As the elected officials representing Long Island College Hospital (LICH), we write regarding the threatened closure of the facility. There is consistent and compelling evidence of health care needs that will go unmet in Brooklyn if LICH closes.

On July 17, the State University of New York (SUNY) submitted a "multi-step" closure plan for approval by the Department of Health (DOH), which has not yet been approved. We strongly urge DOH, under your leadership, to reject this closure plan.

In addition, SUNY released an RFP on July 17 seeking an alternate operator to continue providing health care services at LICH. SUNY must be required to continue delivering health care services at the hospital until an operator is found.

It is our understanding that SUNY Downstate has already directed a number of departments to stop serving patients even though DOH has not yet approved the closure plan. We urge DOH to require SUNY Downstate to immediately stop the closure of any departments at LICH.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to reach a resolution that preserves this vital institution for our community and all of Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

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New York State Senator

Nydia Velázquez
Member of Congress

Bill de Blasio
New York City Public Advocate

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