Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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H. Carl McCall Chairman State University of New York State University Plaza 353 Broadway Albany, NY 12246

Dear Chairman McCall:

We are writing with regard to the NYS Comptroller's audit released last week highlighting a fiscal crisis at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and its hospitals. We echo our state and local elected colleagues' demand that we find a way to preserve the diverse medical institutions under SUNY Downstate for quality healthcare and good jobs.

We likewise offer to work with you and them on a plan that preserves SUNY Downstate and all of its affiliates: University Hospital of Brooklyn; University Hospital at Long Island College Hospital; and SUNY Downstate at Bay Ridge.

We strongly feel that closing down any campus is unacceptable and urge SUNY to develop a stabilization plan that preserves all its campuses and provides a long-term solution for Brooklyn and the state.

We look forward to your timely response and a viable solution. Please feel free to contact our offices for follow up.

Sincerely,

Nydia M. Velázquez Member of Congress Yvette D. Clarke Member of Congress Hakeem Jeffries Member of Congress

cc. Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor, SUNY