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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
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Dear Governor Cuomo:

First, thank you for your leadership during such trying times. In light of your remarks about the lack of available hospital beds in New York State, I make a request to you.

Given the increasing need for hospital space during the COVID-19 outbreak, I request that the services provided at Mount Vernon Hospital be significantly increased. From my understanding, there is space in the hospital that is underutilized. However, as you know, now is the time to increase services.

COVID-19 cases are growing exponentially by the day, and Mount Vernon's geographic position puts the city at unique risk, considering the significant cluster of confirmed cases in New Rochelle and those in the City of New York.

I strongly urge you to commit the necessary resources on an ongoing basis to have Mount Vernon Hospital serve as the critical care facility we know it can be, during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. I remain at the ready for any discussion related to this matter for the people of my district and the State of New York.

Best Regards,

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