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Dear Friend,

The news that UPMC is trying to close Lakeshore Hospital has delivered a terrible blow to our community, and we have been working hard to turn the situation around.

We urgently need your help.

Although our state, federal and local representatives have been fighting to save the hospital, we need your support.

It is time for our people to stand up and tell Albany that the loss of emergency care, access to vital health services and hundreds of jobs is not acceptable.

We are a long way away from Albany, and it is far too easy for them to forget about us. We must let Albany know that we matter, too.

That's why I and Assemblymen Andy Goodell and Joe Giglio are hosting a **Rally to Save Lakeshore Hospital on Saturday, January 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Creek Central High School Auditorium, 1 Dickinson Street, Silver Creek.**

The profound importance of saving Lakeshore Hospital cannot be overstated. It truly is a matter of life and death. Long travel times to the emergency room in all kinds of weather – lack of quality health care in our community – the loss of hundreds of family-sustaining jobs – economic decline – these are the devastating consequences of closure.

Recent decisions by UPMC are deeply disappointing and extremely alarming.

When UPMC broke their promise of building a new hospital to replace flood-ravaged Tri-County in Gowanda, they said the region still would have access to emergency room and hospital care at Lakeshore. Now, the community was blindsided again by their abrupt announcement that they were closing Lakeshore, despite the fact that we worked very hard to successfully secure millions of state and federal dollars so that Tri-County could be rebuilt and Lakeshore could be strengthened.

We've had enough of broken promises.

Many people already have gotten involved by calling, sending letters and emails, and signing petitions. Their efforts truly are appreciated. But the time is now to get even louder.

This Rally is our chance to have our voices heard and send Albany a clear message that we need help to save our hospital.

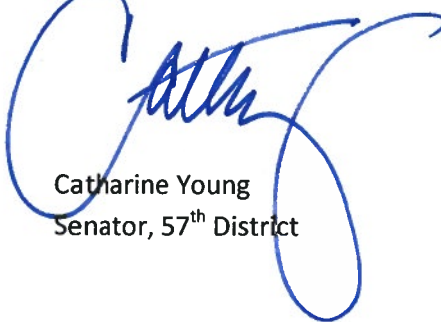
We need a huge turnout at our rally to have maximum impact.

Please come and stand united with us. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Together, we can make a big difference.

I send my personal thanks to you for your support to save Lakeshore Hospital. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

See you on January 11 at Silver Creek High School!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Catharine Young', is written over the printed name and title. The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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