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Honorable Kathy Hochul
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Dear Governor Hochul:

As you may be aware, there is a very serious and deeply concerning situation taking place in my Senate District at Ellis Medicine in Schenectady that could impact the healthcare of residents in the 44th Senate District and across the Capital Region of New York State.

There is currently a professional services agreement between Ellis and St. Peter's Healthcare that is set to terminate on December 14th because of the dissolution of a planned merger between the two large health care providers. Ellis and St. Peter's Healthcare are in litigation over 27 cardiologists who signed one-year noncompete agreements with St. Peter's.

Those cardiologists treat about 50,000 people. Ellis has noted that the noncompete agreements violate a professional services agreement between the two companies.

I would hope you agree that this situation is unacceptable for the patients served.

I am respectfully requesting that you please take immediate action to address this serious health care issue by issuing an executive order to ensure Ellis patients do not lose access to their physicians at Ellis and/or call for a special session of the legislature to ban noncompete agreements in the healthcare field. These agreements are currently banned in Massachusetts.

If there's one state that does not need a noncompete law for healthcare providers, it's New York State where we have a shortage of nurses and physicians.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Tedisco".

Senator Jim Tedisco