

News from Senator George Borrello

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STATEMENT FROM SENATOR BORRELLO ON THE CLOSING OF TLC/LAKESHORE HEALTHCARE CENTER CAMPUS

“Access to quality health care is a continuing challenge in rural communities as today’s announcement of the impending closure of TLC/Lakeshore Health Center underscores.

“However, the residents of our region have a right to expect access to quality health care services. I am greatly concerned that Lakeshore’s sudden closure, without a reasonable transition period, will negatively impact patient care and the communities in the region that rely on it for emergency services.

“I am also deeply concerned about the hospital’s employees whose livelihoods have suddenly been placed in jeopardy. The January 1 planned closure will not offer adequate time for these workers to find comparable employment.

“In the coming days, I will be in talks with the hospital leadership and other stakeholders to explore all options. While I am sympathetic to the underlying financial realities that led to this difficult decision, people need to come first. We need to do everything we can to help ease this transition for our community and hopefully find viable alternatives to ensure our residents and visitors have local access to those needed services.”