



September 20, 2018

Dr. Mitchell Katz
President and CEO
NYC Health + Hospitals
125 Worth St.
New York, NY 10013

Dear President Katz,

We are writing to request your guidance and assistance in addressing reports we have received regarding the conditions of the emergency department at the Moses Campus of the Montefiore system. We recently met with several nurses employed by Montefiore along with the New York State Nurses Association, who have expressed growing concerns regarding increased wait times, overcrowding, and unsafe hallway placement in Montefiore's emergency departments.

We have discussed these issues with both the nurses and the leadership at Montefiore. Each party has a contrasting perspective on the scope of the issue and the possible solution. One of the solutions that has been proposed during these discussions is the potential expansion of emergency services at North Central Bronx Hospital, given that it is adjacent and physically connected to the Moses Campus of Montefiore Medical Center. As the leader of NYC Health + Hospitals, we believe you could bring a unique perspective to the feasibility and effectiveness of such a proposal.

As elected representatives to the unhealthiest county in New York State, we are very aware that we need to continue to work to ensure that our residents have access to quality medical care, whether that is emergency or primary care. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting a meeting or conference call with you to discuss the reported overcrowding issue at emergency departments in the North Bronx and the feasibility of expanding emergency services at North Central Bronx Hospital.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Gustavo Rivera
33rd Senate District
New York State Senate

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Jamaal T. Bailey
36th Senate District
New Your State Senate