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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
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Dear Governor Cuomo,

Thank you for your strong and swift leadership through this crisis. The steps you have taken in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak have saved lives, inspired confidence, and united our great state.

As we seek to prepare hospitals for the apex of this crisis, I want to bring to your attention a critical shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at hospitals and medical facilities in Rockland and Westchester Counties. Montefiore Nyack Hospital in Nyack, Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, Westchester Medical Center/Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla, Open Door Family Medical Center, and Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco have expressed to my office a need for critical PPE.

For example, nurses from Nyack Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital have told me they are in desperate need of N95 and KN95 masks, face shields, isolation gowns, hair caps, surgical gowns, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, and gloves.

Open Door Family Medical Center who has multiple locations, including an office in Ossining, said on March 24th that they were 48 hours away from running out of PPE. They are looking for N95 masks, hand sanitizer, face shields, gloves, isolation gowns, goggles, disinfecting wipes, isopropyl alcohol, lab coats and thermometers.

Nurses at Westchester Medical Center and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital have expressed having to reuse surgical masks for up to two weeks.

Northern Westchester Hospital has expressed great need for N95 masks and critical PPE as mentioned above.

These hospitals and medical centers are essential to residents I represent in Rockland and Westchester Counties. Our health care workers are on front lines of defense against the COVID-19 threat, just outside New York City and where New Rochelle was the epicenter of the virus. However, our health care workers say they are not adequately equipped with supplies necessary to keep them safe.

Please commit to protecting the lives of the health care workers at these facilities by sending additional PPE. As our doctors, nurses, and other personnel selflessly help others, we must ensure they have the necessary supplies to stay safe. I look forward to working with you on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Carlucci", is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "C".

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