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March 31, 2023

Hon. Rose Marie Walker, Chair
Committee on Health & Social Services

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, N.Y. 11501

Hon. John R. Ferretti Jr., Chair
Committee on Government Services
and Operations
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, N.Y. 11501

RE: Request for public hearing into Nassau University Medical Center

Dear Chairwoman Walker and Chairman Ferretti:

I write to formally request that the Legislature's Health and Social Services and Government Operations convene a joint public hearing focused upon Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) and strategies for placing this vital safety-net healthcare facility onto a path toward fiscal stability and solvency for the benefit of all Nassau residents.

Nearly one year ago on April 1, 2022, Nassau County Executive Bruce A. Blakeman's nominee Matthew J. Bruderman was approved by the Nassau County Legislature to serve as Chairman of the NUMC board. Leading up to his approval, Mr. Bruderman made numerous commitments to lawmakers about how he planned to stabilize the Hospital's financial condition and improve patient care.

Currently, it appears that NUMC's board members and administrators are leveraging opportunities to expand services and generate new revenue streams at the hospital. However, NUMC has a different stated financial position than what has been expressed by the Nassau Interim Finance Agency (NIFA) – an entity which has raised concerns that NUMC's financial resources will be depleted by the end of 2023.

As fiduciaries of this County, we should not be in a position of relying upon second-hand information for the purposes of determining the status of NUMC's financial condition, and we have a duty to bring clarity to issues of public concern – especially those impacting matters as fundamental as a person's ability to access quality healthcare services.

Therefore, in the interest of working collaboratively toward ensuring the future viability of this crucial public health facility and the continuation of the services it provides to our region, I

respectfully urge you to convene this public hearing as expeditiously as possible so that we can hear directly from Mr. Bruderman on these issues of critical importance.

Should you have any questions about the above request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Siela A. Bynoe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Siela A. Bynoe
Nassau County Legislature
Second Legislative District

*CC: Hon. Richard J. Nicoletto, Presiding Officer, Nassau County Legislature
Hon. Kevan M. Abrahams, Minority Leader, Nassau County Legislature*