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Honorable Kathy Hochul Governor, State of New York NYS Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Commissioner James V. McDonald NYS Department of Heath Empire State Plaza Corning Tower Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul and Commissioner McDonald:

The Nassau County Police Benevolent Association, representing over 4500 active and retired Nassau County Police Officers strongly supports Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) leadership. Nassau University Medical Center has long served the citizens of Nassau County. The hospital is a Level One Trauma Center which has saved some of our Law Enforcement members' lives, as well as members of the community. The burn center that is utilized by our first responders is one the best in New York State.

The closing of NUMC will pose a safety threat to many lives and residents of Nassau County. It will affect emergency response times if patients are being transported to other hospitals.

We are asking you to restore 125,000,000 cuts from Nassau Health Care Corporation (NHCC) into the fiscal year 2025 Budget and establish a budget line that will provide the hospital with annual gap funding tied to the demonstrable needs of the hospital.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectively Submitted,

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