

January 25, 2023

Honorable Kathy Hochul Governor New York State Capitol **Executive Chamber** Albany, New York 12224

Re. FY 2024 Nursing Home Funding

Dear Governor Hochul:

Last year, your Executive Budget proposed a significant investment in healthcare for the first time in many years. Unfortunately, continued financial pressures plague the health care industry, in particular, the nursing home industry, which was at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic response providing essential care to residents during that time, despite workforce shortages and increased costs.

The financial challenges nursing homes face are daunting and have led to facility closures, taking beds offline and thus creating dangerous limitations in capacity at hospitals all across New York, who must delay discharge of patients needing such care as a result. Without investment and long-term agreement to address the viability and access to high-quality nursing homes by New York State, this trend of closures is likely to continue.

We strongly urge you to include in your FY 2024 Executive Budget proposal, the necessary resources for the support of nursing homes and, importantly, we urge you to ensure that the proposal excludes any new cuts to the nursing home industry.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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