



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

June 3, 2019

Hon. Carl Heastie, Speaker
NYS Assembly
Room 932 LOB
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Speaker Heastie:

This year's budget eliminated \$78.6M in operating aid for the three SUNY teaching hospitals amounting to shortfalls of \$34M for Stony Brook Hospital, \$24M for Upstate Medical Center and \$20M for Downstate Medical Center. As a result, all three hospitals face deficits amounting to approximately \$11M, \$30M, and \$50M respectively.

These institutions are the state's major safety net hospitals that provide quality healthcare to the poorest of our residents. In the remaining weeks of the legislative session, it is imperative that something be done to solve this issue.

Hospital leadership has suggested a solution whereby the state would pay each hospital's existing debt service going forward as it currently does for the universities and college campuses. Additionally they suggest that the legislature continue to provide an annual basis of \$50 million per hospital of additional debt capacity for which the State picks up the debt service.

Thank you for your attention to this critical healthcare situation in our regions.

Sincerely,

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Handwritten signature of Fred Threlk in cursive script, written over a horizontal line. The name "Threlk" is printed below the signature.

Handwritten signature of Steven Englebright in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

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