LICH MEDICAL STAFF

June 8, 2009

Dear Governor Patterson and Commissioner Daines,

Each of the undersigned is a doctor at Long Island College Hospital and a member of its Organized Medical Staff. The financial viability of the Hospital has steadily declined under the management of Continuum Health Partners, and numerous physicians have left and are continuing to leave as a result of Continuum's efforts to dismantle vital services. In fact, Continuum announced last year that the Hospital was not viable. Nonetheless, the Hospital has remained intact only as a result of the extraordinary efforts and loyalty of the Medical Staff. We believe in the core integrity of the Hospital, and have proposed a turnaround plan to regain financial stability and independence. We will remain committed and loyal to the Hospital so long as we believe that this is achievable.

We understand that Continuum is attempting to orchestrate a change of control to its own hand picked successor. We have not been involved in such process in any manner. We cannot and do not support such transaction or any other transaction that is negotiated by Continuum. As the primary caregivers at and admitters to the Hospital, it is highly doubtful that any such transaction will succeed without our assent and support.

We seek to develop a strong hospital that may require multiple affiliations with academic medical centers throughout the City. We will support an independent board of trustees that develops such affiliations with the full input of the Medical Staff.

We affirm our strong desire and belief that it is in the best interests of the Hospital, its patients, its community, and its professional and other staff, that it be separated from Continuum as soon as possible and that, in accordance with our turn-around plan, an independent qualified Board of Trustees be appointed to assume control over the direction and overall management of the hospital.

Sincerely,

John Romanelli, M.D., President

Arnold Licht, M.D., Immediate Past President

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