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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to you today to support your request to the federal government to build 5,000 new hospital beds and increase capacity in New York City.

My constituents face a number of difficult circumstances which make fighting the spread of an illness like the Coronavirus especially challenging. Here in Rockaway, we have a particularly vulnerable population which includes over 12 adult homes and 16 nursing homes, we are geographically isolated from most healthcare services, and we have only one hospital which has already taken in a confirmed Coronavirus patient. It is imperative that our community has access to an increased capacity of hospital beds, hospital personnel, and medical resources in order to fight the spread of this illness.

Therefore, I am requesting that if federal resources are coming to New York City to expand hospital bed access, that they first start building or expanding existing capacity in the Rockaway Peninsula. If you have any further questions or concerns about the information presented in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at [\(718\) 945-9550](tel:7189459550).

Thank you for reviewing my request.

Sincerely,

Stacey Pheffer Amato
Member of Assembly 23rd District, Queens

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