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Dear Resident,

I learned firsthand the importance of the Albany County Nursing Home when my father became a resident. For nearly a year, I was a frequent visitor and was continually impressed at the care and commitment of the staff. These experiences, coupled with my mom's work as a nurse's aide for 30 years and my aunt's work with the Little Sisters of the Poor for nearly 70 years, have shaped my opinion on the need to preserve a health safety net for our residents.

We have signed a Letter of Intent to negotiate with Upstate Services Group, one of the premier Nursing Home operators in New York State, to operate Albany County Nursing Home. This company has a positive track record around New York State and they have worked with nursing homes similar to Albany County's. We share the same goals. I am excited to work with them.

Let me assure you, all residents who currently live at the Albany County Nursing Home will continue to live here. The admission standards will remain the same. Many of your caregivers will also be the same and you will receive the same care you have historically received.

This agreement that will do three things: 1.) Protect seniors and those in need by providing a safety net, 2.) Protects taxpayers by saving close to \$60 million over the next five years and 3.) Takes responsibility to make a decision, after years of debate and controversy, which is well thought out, serves the needs of our residents and is fair to the people of Albany County.

When I first became a County Legislator, and then Chairman of the Legislature, I was a vocal advocate for preserving the critical services provided by the Albany County Nursing Home. When the County's budget started facing financial shortfalls, some immediately called for closure of the Nursing Home. I fought each year to keep it open and pushed for alternatives to be considered.

I want you to understand from the bottom of my heart that I am working to ensure that you still have a home as the Albany County Nursing Home faces a transition to facilitate current operational needs. Throughout today, there are staff members who will be

available to address your questions and concerns. In the coming days and weeks, your social worker will be able to answer any other questions.

I thank you for your understanding as we face this transition and implement a plan that will ensure a brighter future and the continuation of care in this home for you.

Warm Regards,

Daniel P. McCoy

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