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Governor Phil Murphy
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Governor Murphy,

It has been brought to my attention that Christ Hospital and RWJ Barnabas are at an impasse, and it appears that the closing of Christ Hospital in Jersey City may be imminent.

Should a closure occur, thousands of our residents may abruptly lose access to health care that has been available for generations. Furthermore, more than a thousand employees and their families face the prospect of losing employment.

As we all know, the functioning of hospital healthcare systems in New Jersey and the authority under which both parties operate are uniquely governed by the State of New Jersey.

I urge you, on behalf of the people of Jersey City, to immediately bring the parties together. I'm convinced that a resolution that saves the hospital and avoids the damaging impacts of closure are possible with the state's leadership and engagement.

There is simply no substitute for your direct involvement and no time to waste. Please be assured that I'm available at any time to be of assistance with whatever initiative you commence.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Fulop".

Steven M. Fulop
Mayor

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George Helmy, Chief of Staff
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