

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Freedman:

We write in response to news reports that you intend to close Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia this September. We ask that you reverse course and do all you can to reach an agreement to prevent the closure of Hahnemann Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Today's news, on the heels of your announcement of layoffs in April, has caused many Pennsylvanians deep concern regarding their livelihoods and access to health care for them and their families.

For over 170 years, Hahnemann Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital have been providing care and training physicians to serve the city of Philadelphia. As a lower cost provider, Hahnemann cares for many of the city's most vulnerable citizens; its potential closure is a threat to the city's healthcare services and its economy. In just the last year, Hahnemann's emergency department provided care to over 55,000 patients. Hahnemann and St. Christopher's also train over 500 medical residents each year. At a time when physician shortages are predicted, these residency slots must be protected and kept in the region. Finally, Hahnemann and St. Christopher's also serve as important economic drivers in the city of Philadelphia. Hahnemann Hospital alone employs more than 2,700 physicians, residents, nurses, administrators. The loss of these jobs would be a serious blow to the city's economy.

The employees and patients of Hahnemann Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children have put their faith and trust into you. In purchasing these hospitals, you made a commitment to these people and to the city of Philadelphia. We ask that you honor that commitment by exploring all options to protect these important institutions, and do everything you can to reach an agreement that will keep them open.

We stand ready to work with you on this issue. If there is any way that we can be of assistance, please contact Senator Casey or his staff at (202) 224-6324. We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

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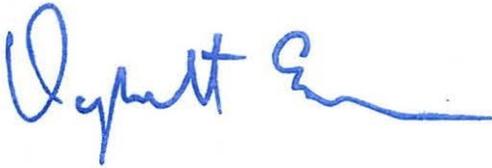
Sincerely,



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