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David Weiss, Chairman
Town of Hempstead
One Washington Street
Hempstead, NY 11550

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Dear Chairman Weiss:

I write to you today to express my support for Mount Sinai South Nassau's proposal to renovate a building the hospital owns at 2020 Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh into a medical office pavilion that will improve health care along the South Shore of Long Island.

As a local elected official who represents constituents within the Town of Hempstead, I have many years of experience with the hospital, its leadership and staff. I can attest to the integrity of Mount Sinai South Nassau's leadership and their willingness to work closely with the community and local leaders. Whenever we have had an issue that involves local residents, they have been responsive.

Also, as you are aware, Mount Sinai South Nassau served a critical function during the last two years of the COVID pandemic. The hospital's frontline staff put their own health at risk caring for thousands of our friends, neighbors and loved ones. At one point, more than 500 COVID positive patients were hospitalized at Mount Sinai South Nassau. In addition, the hospital's Vaxmobile – operated via a federal CARES Act grant in conjunction with the Town of Hempstead – has administered more than 11,000 life saving vaccines to hard hit communities, removing language, mobility and transportation barriers for many residents seeking the vaccine.

Mount Sinai South Nassau's proposal to spend \$35 million to renovate 2020 Wantagh Avenue into a state-of-the-art, multi-specialty healthcare center will only help to improve access to health care for our residents. The project also will create approximately 100 new jobs and provide an economic boost to the local economy. Mount Sinai South Nassau has always been a good neighbor and an asset to the South Shore. I hope you will support this project.

Sincerely,

Francis X. Murray, Mayor