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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

February 17, 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NY State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
Senate Majority Leader  
172 State Street, Room 330  
Albany, NY 12247

Honorable Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker of the Assembly  
LOB 932  
Albany, NY 12248

**RE: Supporting the Goals of the New York Health Act.**

Dear Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 16, 2022, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 23 in favor, 6 opposed, 7 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS**, our current healthcare system is too expensive and does not provide adequate care for most New Yorkers, who are under insured and burdened with high premiums, co-pays, and drug costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the current insurance system wastes billions of dollars each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the New York Health Act is to provide all New Yorkers, regardless of status, wealth, and health conditions, with comprehensive insurance;

**WHEREAS**, that insurance will have no restrictions on choice of providers and drugs;

**WHEREAS**, The New York Health Act aims to eliminate premiums, deductibles and copays, and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that most New Yorkers' costs will be less than they are today because of the savings from the current insurance costs and the funding being based on ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Act's goal to ensure that health providers will be paid more than they are currently, which will encourage them to accept the insurance,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the goals of the New York Health Act.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire Rebecca Dangoor, Barbara Rudder, and Wilma Johnson*

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Rebecca Dangoor, Barbara Rudder and Wilma Johnson  
Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, & Social Services Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Richard N. Gottfried, NYS Assembly Member, 75<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Gustavo Rivera, NYS Senator, 33<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District