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The Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor, State of New York  
State Capitol Building  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

I am writing on behalf of the employees of Ellis Hospital's Material Management Department who were not included in the New York State Healthcare Worker Bonus that was initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the New York State Health Department's website, eligible titles to receive this bonus included "service worker" and "support services worker". I believe the employees of the Material Management Department should fall under this classification and be eligible for this bonus.

Material Management employees support all aspects of the hospital's operation, facilitating the care of patients by providing everything from specialty linens, supplies of oxygen, patient specimen transportation, and keeping necessary supplies stocked on COVID floors. While hospital systems across the state were under enormous stress during the pandemic, these workers were crucial to the operation of Ellis Hospital and should be included among those eligible for the New York State Healthcare Worker Bonus.

I ask that your administration reassess the qualifications for "service workers" who were eligible the New York State Healthcare Worker Bonus, to include all staff that were essential to operations of our state's hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic – including the Ellis Hospital Material Management staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelo Santabarbara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Angelo Santabarbara  
Member of the NYS Assembly  
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