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Honorable Christine Quinn
Speaker
Council of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Quinn:

On behalf of the 100,000 members represented by our affiliated unions, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York is pleased to support the proposed development of the Hunter College Science and Health Professions Building on Second Avenue between East 67th-68th Streets.

It is clear that one of New York City's competitive advantages in creating economic opportunity and improving the quality of life for our residents is our commitment to higher education in science and healthcare. This commitment offers New Yorkers the ability to be trained and educated in fields which provide excellent career opportunities. It also allows us to attract the best professionals in these fields and deliver quality medical services to local communities.

The arrangement by which Hunter College will leverage the market value of its Brookdale Campus on 1st Avenue and 25th Street is a creative and thoughtful approach to improve its facilities, make space available for the construction of a new Julia Richman building without displacing or disrupting operations at the current and outdated Julia Richman Educational Complex, and spur additional private real estate development.

Given the difficult fiscal and economic circumstances we are now enduring, it is essential that we support this particular project and its approach to enhance public capital investments in a way which minimizes taxpayer obligations and stimulates private economic activity. We again urge your support and will be pleased to work with you to advance this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Malloy

