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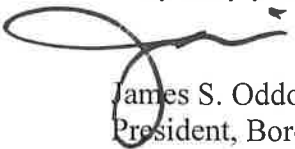
Dear Ms. O'Brien:

I am writing to express my strong support for Northwell Health Staten Island University Hospital's grant application for the Integrated Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Program: The Cancer Services Program of Staten Island. My office has collaborated with, and supported the work of, the Cancer Services Program on a number of initiatives, and intends to continue to do so. Here are some examples:

- We have convened experts at Borough Hall in multiple round table forums to discuss initiatives and explore ways in which we can aid in the promotion of services, with particular emphasis on prevention, early detection and increasing screening rates on Staten Island.
- We have been active in disseminating educational material and advocating to the community through our various social media platforms.
- We have promoted and provided financial support for the new 3D mammogram unit at Northwell Health Staten Island University Hospital.
- We have promoted and supported the mobile mammogram van, and my office has partnered with Uber during our *No Excuses* campaign to provide free transportation for women to get their mammograms.

As Borough President, it is my responsibility to advocate for the entire Borough of Staten Island and all its residents. Therefore, I reiterate my support for Northwell Health Staten Island University Hospital's application for funding as a committed collaborative partner, and will continue to work alongside them in their efforts to ensure a healthier Staten Island.

Very truly yours,


James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

