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Dear Mr. Tazewell,

Manhattan Community Board 11 is pleased to provide this letter of support for Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center's application to the Empire State Development Fund for the expansion of its Specialty Hospital. Over the past year, the Specialty Hospital has expanded from serving 50 to 56 children/young adults with profound developmental disabilities requiring 24-hour care. With the support of the Empire State Development Fund, the Specialty Hospital will be able to serve 72 young people who are New York's most vulnerable residents. This increase in service capacity will create approximately 22 new jobs and help preserve more than 850 existing jobs at this East Harlem facility.

Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (TCC) is a vital healthcare service provider that cares for 613 individuals each day. In addition to its Specialty Hospital for children, TCC provides long-term skilled nursing care for frail elders, subacute rehabilitation for people recovering after hospitalization or surgery, cognitive care for adults with dementia, and specialized care for individuals with Huntington's disease, HIV/AIDS, and end-stage renal disease.

Manhattan Community Board 11 supports this application and TCC's efforts which will enable it to continue providing its mission-driven health care services in the East Harlem community.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama  
Chair