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Dear Sirs:

My office has learned that Maimonides Medical Center (“Maimonides”) is evicting current and former employees of Maimonides (“Employees”) who are residents in buildings owned by both Iris Holdings Group (“Iris”) and Maimonides.

We understand that the first eviction could occur as soon as April 1, 2024. I am deeply concerned that Maimonides is evicting its long-time Employees who have dedicated their careers to serving our communities. Housing insecurity has serious consequences for individual’s health and financial wellbeing. It is troubling that Maimonides and Iris have not been able to identify a solution that would avoid evicting long term residents from their homes.

I am requesting a meeting between Maimonides, Iris, Employees, and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (“HPD”) to discuss a resolution that would allow the Employees to remain in their homes or obtain other affordable, stable housing. In the interim, I am requesting that you stay all evictions, including pending housing court cases, to allow us an opportunity to meet.

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Please contact Harold Miller, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (harold.miller@ag.ny.gov; 212-416-8390) to coordinate a time to meet, and confirm whether you are willing to temporarily stay all eviction proceedings. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,



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