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Honorable Kathy C. Hochul Governor of New York State NYS State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

Due to the increase in COVID cases requiring testing for the Omicron variant, our local hospital networks are being stressed beyond their capacity. This is causing significant pressure on our local emergency rooms due to the numerous public testing requirements for work and school.

St. Mary's Hospital located in Montgomery County and Nathan Littauer Hospital located in Fulton County are in need of relief in the form of a State-run testing site at Fulton Montgomery Community College.

Please help the citizens of our rural areas by making State resources available to our local communities.

Sincerely,

Hon. Robert J. Smullen

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Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

Member of Assembly, 118th District

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Commissioner of Health Director, Fulton County Public Health Department

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