March 2, 2010

Mr. John Cameron
Chairman
Long Island Regional Planning Council
1864 Muttontown Road
Syosset, NY 11791

Re: NuHealth’s Two Villages

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Ensuring the health and wellness of those who call Long Island home is a key priority for local government leaders. NuHealth’s plan to construct the Village for Healthy Living in East Meadow and the Senior Village at Patterson in Uniondale could help facilitate the goal of a healthier community while creating jobs and stimulating our region’s economy. In light of these facts, I enthusiastically add my voice to those who have requested that the Long Island Regional Planning Council designate the aforementioned development proposals as Projects of Regional Significance.

Genuine and measurable benefits could inure to residents of our area as a result of the projects. The Village of Healthy Living envisions the creation of a new destination for both health and wellness services. The Senior Village at Patterson is focused on serving the needs of mature residents, proposing an array of services along with affordable senior housing and a new A. Holly Patterson nursing care facility.

Upon completion, the two new campuses would create 800 new jobs while generating support for local schools through payments in lieu of taxes. During the construction phase, 1,000 workers would be on the job and $500 million could be pumped into the local economy according to NuHealth. What’s more, NuHealth has demonstrated a commitment to green construction, an effort that the Town of Hempstead promotes and embraces.

In closing, I again encourage members of the Long Island Regional Planning Council to recognize the importance of these projects and urge the Council to designate these development initiatives as Projects of Regional Significance.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor

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