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Honorable Inez E. Dickens
Council Member 9th District
City Hall
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Dear Council Member Dickens:

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 7, 2014 concerning the contract negotiations between Doctors Council SEIU, the Physician Affiliate Group of New York (PAGNY) and NYU School of Medicine.

I would like to thank you for your interest in this matter. Doctors, along with all of HHC's staff, are a critical component to the success of HHC and I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that is exhibited by all members of the Corporation on a daily basis.

The doctors are employed by PAGNY and NYU, and therefore HHC does not control or attend these bargaining sessions, I am obviously kept up to date on and have an interest in the status of these negotiations.

PAGNY and Doctor's Council are currently in negotiations and have had several bargaining sessions to date. It is my understanding that negotiations are ongoing and that another session is scheduled for October 22, 2014. NYU and Doctor's Council have also begun the bargaining process and have had several bargaining sessions. I have no doubt that all the parties will bargain in good faith in an attempt to reach a fair and equitable settlement for all involved.

Please note that in addition to the negotiations between Doctor's Council and the Affiliates, HHC and the City of New York are also currently negotiating with Doctor's Council for a new collective bargaining agreement covering HHC employed Doctors. Additionally, HHC is in the process of negotiating new Affiliation agreements with both PAGNY and NYU.

As you can imagine, the dynamics surrounding these simultaneous negotiations are complex, but it is my sincere hope and expectation that there will be successful resolutions to all of these negotiations in the near future.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,


Ram Raju

**Cc: Deputy Mayor Lilliam Barrios-Paoli
Dr. Frank Proscia, President, Doctors Council SEIU**