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To: "Daniel J. O'Donnell" <odonnell@assembly.state.ny.us>  
Subject: Proposed location for Jewish Home Lifecare Response  
October 4, 2011

Dear Neighbor,

I write regarding the new proposed location for the Jewish Home Lifecare nursing home facility on 97th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. In response to the legitimate concerns raised to me about this location, I sent a letter to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) Assistant Director for Health Facility Planning, Charles Abel, on August 2nd. In my letter, I brought these issues to the attention of DOH and inquired as to the ways in which DOH will be able to address these concerns. For those of you who have not yet received the letter, I have attached a copy to this email for your review.

On September 27th, I received a response from Mr. Abel's office. I have attached a copy of his letter for your convenience. As you can see, it is unfortunately clear that DOH is unable to address these pressing issues simply because they do not fall within DOH's purview as a state agency. According to DOH, the best place to address these issues is at a local government level by looking at zoning and land-use regulations.

I appreciate the time and effort you took to communicate your concerns to my office. This issue affects all of us in the community, not just the neighbors of the potential site, and I am hopeful the city government agencies will be able to resolve the situation appropriately. I will continue to monitor the progress of this situation and will keep you informed about any developments.

Very truly yours,

Daniel O'Donnell  
Assembly Member

Attachment: Charles Abel Letter, 0802112.pdf

Attachment: Response from Charles Abel, 092711.pdf