



March 9, 2021

Dear Governor Cuomo, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie:

The \$750 million allocation for the Wadsworth Center replacement would uplift workers and serve as an economic driver for the state. In this time of economic uncertainty, New Yorkers are in need of jobs with fair wages and health benefits.

The omission of this project from the executive budget proposal has caused significant concern throughout the local community. We are asking the State to confirm its commitment to Albany-area labor and businesses by including the funds for a new capital region health laboratory in the final budget agreement.

The proposed Wadsworth Center replacement project would create much-needed construction and permanent jobs in the Capital Region. These jobs would bolster the struggling local economy, stimulating more spending in local businesses.

In addition to jobs, the Wadsworth Center was, and continues to be, vital in the state's war against COVID-19. It would be a utilitarian and symbolic response for New York to invest in such a project in the midst of a pandemic.

We certainly understand the State's fiscal situation but ask that you not give up on this critical infrastructure, as many throughout the Capital Region would be negatively impacted without it. We thank you for your attention to this important matter and urge that the State confirm its commitment to building the Wadsworth Center, as planned, on the Harriman Campus in Albany.

Sincerely,

NYS AFL-CIO

NYS Building and Construction Trades

NYS Conference of Operating Engineers

LIUNA NY

Capital Region Chamber of Commerce

NYS AGC

Capital Region ALF

Center for Economic Growth

Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades

Carpenters Local 291

Teamsters Local 294

Sprinklerfitters Local 669

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 7

Ellis Medical

St. Peter's Health Partners

MVP

CDPHP

UAlbany's School of Public Health

Eastern Contractors Association, Inc.

Northeastern Subcontractors Association

Sheetmetal Workers Local 83

UA Local 773

IBEW Local 236

Painters and Allied Trades DC9

Bricklayers Local 2

Heat and Frost Insulators Local 40

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 158

Laborers Local 190

AlbanyMed

Whitney Young Health