



March 9, 2021

Dear Governor Cuomo, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, 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
The Business Council of NYS
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
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Carpenters Local 291
Teamsters Local 294
Sprinklerfitters Local 669

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 7
Ellis Medical
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Eastern Contractors Association
Northeastern Subcontractors Association
Sheetmetal Workers Local 83
UA Local 773
Ironworkers Local 12

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
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