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In support of
S.B. 368
AN ACT PHASING OUT THE HOSPITALS TAX

Dear Senators Fonfara and Frantz and Representatives Widlitz and Williams and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

Thank you for raising SB 368 and for the opportunity to speak today on this legislative proposal to give our hospitals relief from what is basically a tax on healthcare.

My hometown hospital in Greenwich has had to cut some programs and lay off employees due to this tax and believe me, that hurts the most vulnerable in our community. Moreover, Greenwich Hospital has been taking on more and more patients in the years since United Hospital closed in Port Chester, NY and that has put an additional strain on staffing and resources. Hence, this tax made an already tough situation that much worse.

This bill, if passed into law, would gradually phase out this tax over five years. This is a cautious, measured, and prudent way to eliminate a tax has hurt the delivery of healthcare services in our state.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration on SB 368.

Sincerely,

Fred Camillo

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