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Dear Friends,

I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to VNS Health and its honorees as you celebrate your Annual Benefit.

It is my pleasure to congratulate this year's recipient of the Lillian D. Wald Award to the Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick (ret.), Counsel at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Ramon Tallaj, MD, Founder and Chairman of the Board at SOMOS Community Care.

For more than a century, VNS Health has provided health services, education, and a safety net to the most vulnerable New Yorkers, serving thousands of patients every year. As Chair of the Senate Health Committee, I celebrate the efforts of VNS Health' dedicated healthcare professionals and I remain committed to champion policies that will ensure your workforce is protected.

VNS Health's work, which focuses on bringing compassionate healthcare to those in need, is a source of inspiration to all the communities they diligently serve.

Thank you for your continued work in the community, and I look forward to continuing to work with VNS Health.

Sincerely,



Gustavo Rivera  
New York State Senator  
33rd Senate District, The Bronx