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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome you to the VNS Health's **2026 "Care That Connects Us" Benefit Dinner**. I am truly honored to be part of this evening's celebrations and to recognize VNS Health's unwavering commitment to strengthening the health and well-being of our communities for over 130 years. We are deeply grateful for your continued dedication to delivering transformative, compassionate care and for the meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many.

I extend my gratitude and congratulations in recognizing this year's recipient of the **Lillian D. Wald Award: Richard Park, MD, CEO and Co-Founder of Rendr, and Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Ascend Partners**. Dr. Park's leadership, service, and commitment to advancing care in our communities embodies the spirit of this distinguished recognition. I applaud Dr. Park and his colleagues for their contributions, and for setting an inspiring example of service and leadership.

Tonight's celebration is also a testament to the generosity and commitment of the many supporters who make VNS Health's important work possible. Thank you for joining together in support of this remarkable organization and its mission. VNS Health is well-served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

Best Wishes,

Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senator, 35th District
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