



March 8, 2010

Hon. Chris Lee
US House of Representatives – 26th District
1711 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital's Appropriation Request

Dear Congressman Lee:

I write in support of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital's appropriation request for a new – and permanent – magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine. As you can imagine, an investment of federal dollars at the hospital would be a major boost to health care as well as economic development for the Amherst community.

Currently, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital relies on a “mobile MRI” provider to bring the technology to the hospital five days a week. This is an extremely costly agreement in the absence of a permanent MRI. With over 42,000 emergency room visits and 20,000 patient discharges, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital deserves what is now becoming the industry standard: a permanent MRI. A permanent MRI will help the hospital diagnose life threatening conditions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round.

The recent expansion of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital has been a huge success. Over 250 new jobs have been created, and the hospital is experiencing unprecedented growth with record-breaking volumes, improved patient satisfaction, and outstanding quality outcomes.

With your help, we can continue to build on this success and provide a healthy future for our community. I thank you in advance for your consideration of this worthy request.

Sincerely,

Colleen C. DiPirro
President
Amherst Chamber of Commerce