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**STATEMENT BY HANY PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO ON 300 LAYOFFS AT
ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND CLOSURES ACROSS THE STATE**

ALBANY, N.Y. — “The loss of 300 jobs at St. Vincent’s Hospital is a very painful decision for the institution, the workers, and their families, and the community the hospital serves. But to those familiar with how fragile many of our health care institutions are, it comes as little surprise. Since 2000, 29 hospitals and 51 nursing homes have closed. Two Caritas Hospitals in Queens, St. Francis Nursing home in Buffalo, and the River Hospital Nursing Home in Alexandria Bay are among the latest examples of how our poorly reimbursed health system is imploding.

“Providers now face the seventh round of health care cuts and taxes in less than two years. Already more than \$4 billion has been cut, yet the Governor proposes another \$1 billion in health care provider cuts and taxes, even as the Governor himself scrambles to find funding to keep St. Vincent’s afloat.

“This is another warning shot that state leaders must hear. They must understand that if the Governor’s budget is passed, more jobs will be lost, more families will be displaced, more facilities will close, and more communities will lose access to care.”

The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANY) is the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, representing more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.