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Dear Friend:

In Governor Cuomo's 2018 State of the State, he announced the launch of a Long Term Care Planning Council to prepare for the emerging needs of New York State's growing aging population. The charge of the Council is to examine New York's long term care system. Specifically, the Council will:

- Analyze, evaluate, and identify the existing service gaps in New York's long term care system;
- Determine the most cost-effective evidence-based interventions; and
- Prepare a strategic plan to meet the emerging needs of New York's aging population over the next decade.

The New York State Department of Health and the New York State Office for the Aging are requesting that you complete a brief anonymous survey to assist the Planning Council in this effort. For the purpose of this Council, the "long term care system" should be broadly interpreted to include a variety of services and supports that help meet both the medical and non-medical needs of individuals with a chronic illness, disability, or functional need, and includes services and supports for caregivers.

This survey is the first step toward creating a State strategy to help meet the needs of our aging population now and in the future.

In addition to completing the survey yourself, we encourage you to send the link below to anyone who comes into contact with the long term care system. We welcome all comments and concerns from providers, organizations, caregivers, and care recipients. The results from this survey will be used in the deliberations of the Long Term Care Planning Council.

To access the survey, please visit this [link](#) or copy and paste the address below into your browser. Please respond **by June 18, 2018**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HM9DM97>

We look forward to working with you as we examine our system and enhance services for older New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Health

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