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Anthony Pallito, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Pallito:

On behalf of the Department of Mental Health, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you and your staff for the sacrifice made by the Department of Corrections following Tropical Storm Irene's destruction of the Vermont State Hospital. This resulted in the displacement of our patients, and Corrections stepped forward to clear a unit for a small contingent of patients who could not access hospital beds. While this affected the Southern State Correctional facility, we recognize the significant impact closure of this unit had throughout your entire system.

We would also like to thank the staff of Southern State Correctional facility for assisting us with special accommodations for our staff and patients, while enduring the increased traffic of staff and family members onto the unit. We are very grateful for this extension of assistance during our time of crisis. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Mary D. Moulton
Commissioner
Department of Mental Health