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It is my pleasure to express BRICK Networks' strong support for RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) and the renewal of State-appropriated funds to RWJBH in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget.

BRICK Networks is a multi-generation, place-based nonprofit advancing wellness, knowledge, and wealth for children and families—through integrated education, housing, health, workforce development, and food access. For more than 15 years, we have worked alongside families in Newark and beyond to address the conditions that drive inequity and shape long-term outcomes. The State's investment in RWJBH strengthens critical community partnerships like ours and helps ensure that frontline, neighborhood-based organizations have the resources to expand access to preventive care, health education, and wraparound supports.

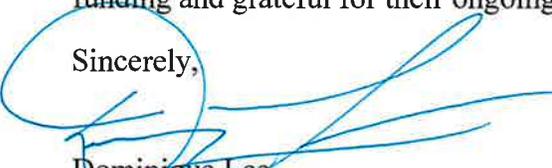
Our mission is deeply aligned with RWJBH's commitment to improving health outcomes and addressing barriers that drive preventable illness. As an anchor institution with a long-standing focus on community health, RWJBH has been an essential partner in advancing a shared vision: a stronger, healthier, more resilient New Jersey.

We are especially grateful for RWJBH's support of BRICK's development of a state-of-the-art Community Wellness Center—a transformational project, in partnership with Saint James Health and The Newark YMCA, that will dramatically deepen the services available to families in our community. With RWJBH's partnership, this new facility will increase our collective capacity by over 200%, allowing us to serve more residents, expand preventive and primary health offerings, expand maternal health services, strengthen coordinated care, and create a more seamless, dignified experience for families seeking support. This project represents what is possible when state government, health systems, and trusted community organizations align around a shared outcome: healthier families and thriving neighborhoods.

BRICK Networks has experienced RWJBH as a reliable, mission-driven partner that brings expertise, credibility, and the ability to mobilize resources in ways that meaningfully strengthen community-based work. Continued State-appropriated funding is critical to sustaining and expanding RWJBH's ability to invest in partnerships and infrastructure that reach residents where they are. Without this support, the capacity of RWJBH and its community partners to deliver essential services would be significantly diminished—reducing access to care and limiting progress on the social determinants that shape long-term health.

We express our sincere appreciation for RWJBarnabas Health and the State's continued commitment to investing in community health. BRICK Networks is proud to stand with RWJBH in support of renewed funding and grateful for their ongoing partnership to build healthier communities across New Jersey.

Sincerely,



Dominique Lee
Founder and Chief Executive Officer