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It is my pleasure to express our strong support for RWJBarnabas Health and the renewal of State-appropriated funds to RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget. TASK – Trenton Area Soup Kitchen - is a community-based non-profit which feeds the hungry and offers programs and services to encourage self-sufficiency and improve quality of life for people in the Greater Trenton Area. Our organization has more than 40 years of experience addressing food insecurity and the social determinants of poverty, particularly in high-need neighborhoods. These State-appropriated funds allow RWJBH to support community-based programs like ours that directly address barriers to health and wellness.

Our mission is deeply aligned with RWJBH's commitment to building and sustaining healthier communities. RWJBH's role as an anchor institution, and its long-standing focus on addressing barriers that drive poor health outcomes, makes its partnership essential to the work we do. Through our collaboration, RWJBH has supported our year-round food access programs by providing volunteers, sponsoring outreach events like our annual summer barbecue community meal, and donation of significant funds that allows TASK to serve 12,500 meals every single week. During the recent delay of SNAP benefits, RWJBH donated a significant emergency one-time gift that funded much needed meals for hundreds of families. Over the past year alone, TASK's community need has increased to record-breaking levels and RWJBH's support has enabled us to continue serving each and every individual that comes to our facility without turning anyone away. TASK anticipates the need for hunger relief to continue to rise within the next year, and RWJBH's support will remain critical in meeting that need in Trenton and beyond.

We have worked closely with RWJBH for several years, and this partnership has proven consistently reliable, impactful, and mission-driven. The continuation of State-appropriated funds to RWJBH is critical: without these funds, the system's ability to support community partners like ours would be significantly diminished. Reduced investment would directly affect the number of families we can reach, limit access to fresh and nutritious foods, and hinder our shared efforts to address the root causes of food insecurity across the state.

We express our sincere appreciation for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health and remain grateful for their ongoing commitment to building and sustaining healthier communities throughout the greater Trenton area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy R. Flynn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy R. Flynn, CEO
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