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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome you to the Visiting Nurse Service of New York’s 2021’s “Inspiring Hope” Benefit Dinner. I am truly honored to be part of this evening’s celebrations. For over 128 years, VNSNY has been on the front lines of every health crisis and provided health services, education, and a safety net to the most vulnerable in New York.

I extend my gratitude and congratulations in recognizing this year’s recipients of the Lillian D. Wald Award: Adam Boehler, (Founder and CEO of Rubicon Founders); Emily Rafferty (President Emerita of the Metropolitan Museum of Art); and John Rafferty (Member and Former Chair of the VNSNY Board of Directors). These individuals exemplify what it means to be a leader in their field as well as being upstanding citizens of the community. I am grateful for their many contributions to New York State.

I would like also to take this time to thank all the VNSNY Frontline Responders, you have gone above and beyond to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 crisis and we salute you and thank you for all you have done.

This special occasion would not have been possible without your support, so I appreciate you for being here virtually. VNSNY is well-served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

Best Wishes,

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