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Lowell Bellin, M. D.  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Health  
125 Worth Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Commissioner Bellin:

Congratulations on your plan to evaluate nursing homes and create a list of nursing homes which fail to meet adequate standards of care. Consumers will certainly be interested in receiving a copy of this report.

It has come to our attention that employees of the Department of Social Service (Chelsea Center) and hospital workers in the municipal facilities are referring patients to all licensed homes in New York City. A substantial contribution could be made to better patient care if City employees would use your list to eliminate homes which failed to meet standards.

It is unconscionable that sub-standard homes are getting patients on referral from employees of the Department of Social Service and the Health and Hospital Corporation.

Sincerely,

Donald Rubin  
President