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## **LEADING NURSES UNION THANKS SCHAER AND BLANCO FOR SUPPORT, CALLS ON STATE OFFICIALS TO APPROVE SALE OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL**

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**North Brunswick:** JNESO Executive Director Doug Placa today thanked both Assemblyman Gary Schaer and Passaic Mayor Dr. Alex Blanco for their continued advocacy in working to keep St. Mary's hospital in Passaic open and called upon state officials to move forward on the New Jersey State Health Planning Board recommendation that the sale of the hospital be approved. JNESO represents over 480 nurses and professional technical employees at the hospital who find their futures in limbo as the approval process plays out.

"The State Health Planning Board recommended back in February that the sale of St. Mary's be approved but we are still waiting for the necessary approvals to come through from the New Jersey Department of Health and the Attorney General's Office," said Placa. "Our membership has been fortunate to have the strong advocacy of Assemblyman Schaer and Mayor Blanco in this ongoing struggle to get the sale of St. Mary's approved. It is our hope that the appropriate state entities will move expeditiously to ensure the only hospital serving the Passaic area remains open and that JNESO's members remain on the job."

Both Assemblyman Schaer and Mayor Blanco have been at the forefront of the effort to save St. Mary's Hospital, the last remaining hospital serving the City of Passaic, home to 70,000 residents. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the New Jersey State Health Planning Board recommended the sale of the hospital be approved, putting the decision in the hands of the New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner who will make a decision on the recommendation. The Attorney General must also make a recommendation on the sale under the Community Health Care Assets Protection Act. The final step in the transaction requires the approval of a Superior Court judge.

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