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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON “NEW YORK HEALTH ACT” SINGLE PAYER BILL

Statement by Eric Linzer, president and CEO

“Revised bill fundamentally flawed & out-of-step with what New Yorkers want”

“Every New Yorker deserves coverage for high-quality, affordable health care, but a government-run program that eliminates all private insurance is the wrong approach for New York. It will undo all the progress New York has already made that has resulted in more than 95% of state residents being insured and is out of step with what voters want.

“A February poll released by the Business Council showed that an overwhelming majority of New Yorkers like their health plans and oppose the New York Health Act. Rather than starting over with a government-run system, they want state leaders to build on the current system so that they can keep their current insurance. Revisions to the bill fail to address its fundamental flaws — it will result in massive new taxes and provide fewer choices over doctors and treatment for all – and New Yorkers recognize that the New York Health Act will result in longer wait-times to get care, limit access to providers they know and trust, and force them to pay more.

“Instead of continuing to devote attention to a system that voters don’t support, we should focus on what they want by building on the current system to make health care better, simpler and more affordable.”

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