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Dear Board of Maimonides,

The Arab American Association of New York (AAANY) was founded in 2001 by prominent and active members of the Arab American and Arab immigrant community to respond to the needs of low-income, recent Arab immigrants in NYC. AAANY formed not even a month before the attacks of September 11th, 2001, as a one-room social service agency run entirely by volunteers. After 9/11, AAANY stepped into an advocacy role, recognizing that the onslaught of surveillance tactics, hate crimes, and community isolation would not be solved by direct services alone. We provide a range of critical support services to over 7,000 participants annually, including women's empowerment and adult literacy programs, immigration legal assistance, mental health and domestic violence support services, civic engagement, and youth programming. **Our work is driven by our mission to support and empower the Arab Immigrant and Arab American community by helping them adjust to their new home and become active members of society. Our aim is for families to achieve the ultimate goals of independence, productivity, and stability.**

On behalf of AAANY, our board, leadership, and 7,000+ clients, we want to thank our long-running partner and Brooklyn's largest healthcare system, Maimonides Health, for the support you have extended to us over the years. Your partnership has had an immense impact on the health and wellbeing of our community, making it possible for us to share resources and educate our community members about many of the health issues they face, from breast cancer and asthma to mental illness and drug addiction. As a long-running sponsor of our annual gala and cultural festival, Maimonides has also helped us build bridges with our community and celebrate our heritage. In particular supported us at our galas and large events. For all this and our continued partnership in making Bay Ridge the place we are proud to call home, we are grateful to Maimonides Health.

Sincerely,

Marwa Janini

Executive Director

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