



To: St. Clare's Hospital
From: The PBA of NYS
Date: December 16, 2019
Re: PBANYS Supports Former St. Clare's Hospital Retirees

The Police Benevolent Association of New York State (PBANYS) stands in solidarity with St. Clare's Hospital Retirees. St. Clare's Hospital Retirees is not affiliated with the PBANYS; however, we strongly support those who are fighting the diminishment of their well-deserved pension benefits. As time passes and the viability of pension benefits become compromised there should be certain procedures set in place to ensure that these benefits remain intact for its participants.

The fact that almost half of St. Clare's retirees are receiving reduced pensions, and the remainder are receiving nothing at all is an outrage and a disgrace, and should be addressed by the Albany Catholic Diocese, Ellis Hospital and New York State. These retirees worked their careers in St. Clare's Hospital helping the sick and dying, and they earned their pensions. These are our neighbors and friends and they deserve a dignified retirement. It's a matter of what is right.

Billions of dollars are spent to create an increase in jobs to no avail, why not use a fraction of these funds to correct this inequity? This is the right thing to do. St. Clare's retirees and employees have helped sustain the social and economic fabric throughout the area for years, there is no question that the funds can be found to replenish their pensions. Between the resources of the State of New York and the Catholic Church we can certainly find the funds to fix this tragic occurrence.

Respectfully,

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