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Dear Friends:

It is an absolute pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations on your “Sepsis Hero Award” by the Sepsis Alliance. I am honored to recognize the Home Care Association of New York State (HCA), its leadership, staff, and supporters for this outstanding accomplishment.

This well-deserved honor is merited by your exceptional achievements as a national leader in sepsis prevention. With the initiation of the *Stop Sepsis at Home NY* program, you have implemented groundbreaking screening and intervention tools that have made a positive difference in home care practices and the well-being of New Yorkers. This program has not only mitigated the onset of sepsis, but also transformed care for vulnerable populations, saving lives, preventing long term loss of health and disability, and avoiding excessive hospital costs.

Serious illness and death from sepsis are far too common. In addition to the billions of dollars sepsis costs our healthcare system, the condition takes a dreadful toll on the patients and families affected by it. This is why the work of HCA is so important. It’s time we finally get ahead of this issue, and I am proud to raise awareness and advance evidence-based solutions.

I applaud the Home Care Association of New York State, its home care sepsis providers, partners, advisors, and sponsors for providing strong leadership in the prevention and mitigation of sepsis. It is extremely comforting to know that New Yorkers have such an exemplary organization working hard for them in every way possible to combat the scourge of sepsis. I look forward to continuing this important work with you all.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator