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Memorandum in Support

A. 6665 (Gottfried) S. 4495 (Duane)

An Act to amend the public health law, the education law and the labor law, in relation to prohibiting participation in torture and improper treatment of prisoners by health care professionals.

The "I Have A Dream Foundation – New York Metro Area supports A.6665/S.4495 amending the public health law, prohibiting participation in torture and mistreatment of prisoners by health care professionals of New York State.

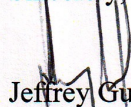
The mission of the "I Have A Dream" Foundation – New York is to motivate and empower children and families living in underserved areas of the tri-state region to reach their college and career goals by providing a dynamic, long-term program of mentoring, tutoring and enrichment with an assured opportunity for higher education. Our approach is unique in that we sponsor entire grade levels of 50-100 students (known as "Dreamers") in under-resourced public schools or housing developments, and work with these Dreamers from early elementary school all the way through high school. Upon high school graduation, each Dreamer receives guaranteed tuition assistance for higher education.

By working with our Dreamers for many years, we are putting them on a different life trajectory, while having a broader impact on the students' families and the generations that follow. At "I Have A Dream," we empower all Dreamers to be productive citizens and instill in them the importance of treating all individuals with respect.

A major recommendation proposed in A.6665/S.4495 is the need to establish general obligations of health care professionals in relation to the treatment of incarcerated and detained persons, consistent with generally applicable legal, health and professional standards. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support this legislation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions. You can reach me by email at jgural@newmarkkf.com.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Gural

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