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Cooper University Hospital
One Cooper Plaza
Camden, New Jersey 08103

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the invitation to the Cooper Commons Park Groundbreaking and Holiday Celebration. Please allow me to congratulate you on this accomplishment and for your vision to provide cutting edge healthcare and a better, brighter future for the City of Camden.

I would like to commend Chairman of the Board George E. Norcross, III, President John Sheridan, and the entire Cooper Board of Trustees for their leadership in this process. This project involved the cooperation of many partners and I would like to recognize the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Mayor Gwendolyn Faison, Judge Theodore Davis and Camden City's leadership, Cooper Lanning Civic Association, The Reinvestment Fund, and everyone else involved in making this vision a reality. The Cooper Commons Park expansion and redesign is part of a larger movement to revitalize downtown Camden and I am grateful for this effort.

Cooper has worked tirelessly with the area's stakeholders to improve the quality of life for local residents and its employees, and the Cooper Commons Park groundbreaking is just another example of its steadfast commitment to the community. Cooper Commons Park is part of a larger vision that includes a hospital and a neighborhood the community can be proud of. Cooper has taken a leadership role in downtown Camden by providing residents with cutting-edge technology and first-class patient care, promoting health awareness, encouraging homeownership and community pride, championing philanthropic causes, and improving the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Cooper University Hospital has demonstrated that it is more than a premiere healthcare institution – it is a trusted neighbor and friend.

Thank you again for the invitation. I am certain that this will be a memorable event for Cooper University Hospital and the City of Camden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Menendez".

ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator