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Ms. Marie Diglio, Executive Director  
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Re: Statement of Support for Public Hearing on October 24, 2023  
Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps Expansion Application

Dear Ms. Diglio:

Because I do not expect to be able to attend this hearing in person, I would like to submit this statement in support of the application for expansion from Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC).

I represent NYS Senate District 25 in Brooklyn, which includes neighborhoods covered under the expansion plan proposed by BSVAC. As Chairperson of the NYS Senate's Children and Families Committee, I am dedicated to improving the lives and health outcomes of our local communities. BSVAC is also engaged in this vital work, as it saves lives and provides training in life-saving emergency medical skills.

As a life-long Brooklynite (born in Bed-Stuy), I can attest to the public need for the community-based volunteer ambulance service that BSVAC will provide in the proposed expansion area. Not only will BSVAC help reduce response times, but it will also help improve health outcomes in the community through training in life-saving emergency medical skills, as well as health screenings, standbys and other support to the community. As a community-based volunteer service,

BSVAC fosters positive relationships with the residents in the areas it serves; most importantly, its services are provided to all, regardless of ability to pay. This is critical for the families we serve. It is my pleasure to support the application of BSVAC to expand its territory."

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'BT'.

NYS Senator Jabari Brisport  
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