



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kenneth P. LaValle

## Senator Ken LaValle's Statement Concerning the Affiliation of Eastern Long Island Hospital and Stony Brook Medicine:

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"I could not be more pleased with Eastern Long Island Hospital's decision to move forward with Stony Brook Medicine. Throughout my tenure, I have worked hard to make certain that quality, affordable medical services are accessible to residents throughout my district. This unanimous decision ensures that people on the North Fork and Shelter Island will continue to receive expert medical care close to home. I applaud the ELIH Board and CEO, as well as Stony Brook Medicine's Team for their hard work and commitment to East End residents. We have had tremendous support from SUNY Leadership and the SUNY Board of Trustees and I look forward to working together to successfully build the first wholly integrated Suffolk County hospital network. I think it is indeed fitting that ELIH - the first hospital in Suffolk County at 110 years old - has shown its continued dedication to the community by ensuring its mission and future are guided by decisions made at the local level."

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