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Letter to the Editor

Hudson Headwaters thankful for help in Moriah

I would like to express our gratitude to the many people and organizations that have played key roles in helping Hudson Headwaters Health Network and the town of Moriah secure the funding needed to build a new health center. With more than \$1.2 million in place, construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

Our deepest thanks goes to Congressman John McHugh, (state) Sen. Betty Little, the NYS Small Cities Program, Assembly member Teresa Sayward, the New York State Department of Health, the United State Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Essex County Industrial Development Agency and of course Moriah Supervisor Tom Scozzafava.

Let me add that, thanks to Congressman McHugh's efforts to support rural health care funding, Hudson Headwaters has received a federal grant to work with Adirondack Medical Center, CVPH Medical Center, Elizabethtown Community Hospital, Inter-Lakes Health and the Smith House to explore ways of sharing health care resources in the North Country.

Several promising meetings have already occurred. The congressman has also been a key proponent of efforts to save Medicaid and Medicare dollars for rural health care.

There are many challenges facing health care in the region, but thanks to the support of our public officials, we are confident that we will be up to meeting them.

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