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**Candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Middlesex State Senate Karla Miller calls on State Senator Ed Kennedy to oppose any attempts to use the leftover pandemic money to shelter migrants while towns in the district are facing the closure of Nashoba Valley Medical Center.**

**Lowell, MA**– Karla Miller, candidate for the 1st Middlesex district State Senate, encompassing Lowell as well as the towns of Dracut, Dunstable, Pepperell, and Tyngsborough, calls on State Senator Ed Kennedy to oppose efforts by the Healy Administration to use pandemic surplus to provide shelter for migrants as stated by her administrations budget writer in the Boston Herald on Sunday August 11.

“It is unthinkable that elected leaders would even consider using taxpayer funds to support migrants when taxpayers in the district are faced with the closure of a vital healthcare facility, Nashoba Valley Medical Center. I call on Senator Kennedy to pledge that he will not vote to authorize this transfer of funds. The constituents of the 1st Middlesex district communities of Dunstable, Pepperell, and Tyngsborough deserve support from their elected representatives and the state has ignored the concerns of the towns, first responders, and employees regarding the impact of closing Nashoba Valley Medical Center. We are facing a serious Healthcare crisis in this state that will impact care for thousands of people.”

Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, MA is currently facing closure on August 31, 2024. This facility currently provides emergency medical care for 17 communities in Middlesex County.

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