Altamira, May 11th, 2020.

To the Regional Council of Medicine of Pará State – CRM – PA To the State Public Prosecutor's Office – MP – PA To the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office – MPF – PA To the State Secretary of Health – SESPA To the Municipal Secretary of Health To PROSAÚDE To Norte Energia S. A.

The coronavirus pandemic has begun in China in December, 2019. In January, 2020, it reached Europe and in February we had the first case in Brazil. Today, there are more than four million cases in the world and almost 300 thousand registered deaths, 11,200 in Brazil. There is still a lot to learn about the virus and the COVID-19. However, for at least two months ago it has been already predicted that the disease would spread through Brazil eventually reaching the northern region and Altamira and Middle Xingu areas. It has been known as well about the virus' infectivity and the severity of the disease, with about 15% of cases in need of intensive care unit (ICU) and around 3.5% of cases resulting in death.

One month ago we saw cities in the north and northern regions collapse into chaos. The problem now is at our doors and we are not prepared. We do not have ventilators, nor personal protective equipment for healthcare workers; the voluntary social isolation did not happen and the capacity of healthcare network in medium and high complexity was not increased to afford the demand.

Our region had already lacked ICU beds (9) to afford more than 400 thousand inhabitants scattered in an area bigger than many countries – many people take days to arrive to the Regional Hospital by river and roads in terrible conditions. Until now, what we could do was but improvisations, as transforming the only five pediatric ICU beds in beds for adults infected with COVID-19, diminishing the already deficient healthcare capacity for the region's children in critical conditions. Three ventilators sent by the state government are just inadequate to critical patients and will not be used in order to not endanger them with any risks. 10 beds announced as a "donation" on behalf of Norte Energia at Jornal Nacional are estimated to arrive only by July, when it is already too late. It must be noticed that the company has not fulfilled many of its fundamental compromises, established as preconditions for the implementation and functioning of Belo Monte Dam. What is evident to us physicians, but seems to go unnoticed by healthcare and government officials, is that an ICU is not made with ventilators only. They need beds, multi-parameter monitors, infusion pumps, antibiotics to treat infections, potent sedatives and analgesics to deal with pain and to ensure that patients do not wake up when intubated, vasoactive medications to prevent the heart from stopping, corticosteroids to reduce inflammation. It is also fundamental to have a prepared and quantitatively enough professional team to provide healthcare. Right now, a significant number of physicians, physiotherapists and nursing staff have already tested positive for the new coronavirus and there is no one who can substitute them.

Unfortunately, what we live today is despairing, as not even that nine beds we had are complete: we lack basic medication for life support and intensive care, what threatens the lives of our patients beyond the risk of this terrible COVID-19 disease.

The experience in the treatment of the disease in other countries (Spain) and other Brazilian states has shown that the key to reduce mortality is early treatment, before the patient's need for ICU. In this sense, it is fundamental to guarantee a wide distribution of these medications in the healthcare basic network, as well as to provide laboratorial exams and chest tomography in a broader manner.

Facing this sad and alarming situation, we, physicians of Altamira and nearby regions, ask for urgent measures as: acquisition and distribution of medication for the treatment of COVID-19 recommended by the Ministry of Health, and for intensive care; immediate expansion of complete ICU beds and chest tomography; hiring of physicians, nursing staff, physiotherapists, cleaning and sanitization teams.

With the certainty of counting with your compassion and urgent measures,

Yours respectfully,

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