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Dear Ms. Simon,

My name is Jane VanDyke and I live in rural Amery, WI. I am writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed license.

My husband suffered a minor stroke 3 years ago and after an initial stay at the Amery Hospital, was referred for further services to Regions because our rural hospital is simply not equipped of provide the level of care my husband needed. He successfully underwent open heart surgery at Regions Hospital.

From the moment we entered Regions, we were treated with care and respect. I am in no doubt that he received the best medical care available anywhere.

As our population ages here in rural WI, we will be relying more and more heavily on the services Regions Hospital provides for us. An addition of 100 inpatient beds will go a long way in meeting that growing demand. I hope you will seriously consider this proposal.

Respectfully,



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