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Dear Ms. Simon,

I am writing to express full support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed licenses. As a former Regions board member I am intimately familiar with the vital role the hospital plays in not only the health care infrastructure of our state but the broader community of Saint Paul and the greater east metro.

As a level 1 trauma center, burn center, and a safety-net hospital, Regions stands ready to provide outstanding care to individuals with the most grave and complicated medical conditions and injuries regardless of the individuals' ability to pay. Regions is one of the largest charity care providers in the state. It is a major provider of critical mental health services for our community, as well as offering a full range of specialty services that bring people from all over the world to seek care in Saint Paul.

Beyond the great medical care, Regions is a force for good in the community beyond the walls of the hospital. Regions provides economic empowerment through multiple initiatives to expose traditionally underrepresented populations to the wide variety of career pathways in the health care setting. Through initiatives like the Central Corridor Anchor Partnership, Regions works with other major institutions in the community to increase local purchasing and strengthen the local economy beyond the health care sector.

Regions supports great community building events like the Annual Rondo Days Festival and the soon-to-be constructed Rondo Commemorative Plaza, and does community outreach around health, injury prevention, and safety across the east metro. For all of these examples and the many others not mentioned here, I urge you to find Regions' proposal for 100 additional beds in the public interest.

Sincerely,

Marvin Roger Anderson

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