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Dear Ms. Simon,

My name is Rachel Herring. I work as an instructor in the Translation and Interpreting program at Century College, and am familiar with Regions Hospital's work because of their support of our program and through working with them as a consultant on interpreter training initiatives. I believe that Regions is strongly committed to improving health outcomes for individuals in our community who have limited English proficiency. They continually work to improve the quality of the language interpretation services that are provided to patients in their facility, and are engaged with the community in a number of ways. I am writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed license, as this will support their ongoing efforts to provide high quality care and equal access to such care to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Rachel Herring@century.edu