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Subject: Support for Regions Expansion

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Dear Ms. Simon,

I have the honor of serving as the Ramsey County Sheriff. The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency serving the interests of citizens and our local police partners. The RCSO has a significant footprint within Regions Hospital, as we have a full security unit staffed by Deputies, and also have persons in our custody who use services throughout the facility.

I am writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed licenses. Regions serves a unique role in the east metro as safety-net, level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center, and burn center for citizen patients as well as those from our Adult Detention Center and other county jails across our region.

Regions has an excellent staff who provide medical resources for RCSO staff and detained persons every day of the year. Our work will only be aided by the expansion of 100 bed licenses and I would advocate for the approval of this request by Regions Hospital.

Respectfully, Jack Serier Ramsey County Sheriff

