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Dear Ms. Simon,

I am writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed licenses. Regions Hospital is a great partner and a fundamental part of the medical and safety-net infrastructure of the east metro.

With the rapidly growing population in the St. Croix Valley area it is vitally important that our community has access to the high acuity level of care provided at Regions when needed. As the closest Level I Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center, Burn Center, and mass casualty hospital for the St. Croix Valley community, we need Regions' capacity to expand to meet the needs of our growing community.

We appreciated your review and hope you find Regions Hospital's proposal for additional beds to meet critical health care needs for east metro and the greater St. Croix Valley.

Sincerely,

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Dave Dobosenski Chief Executive Officer