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Dr. Sanne Magnan
Minnesota Commissioner of Health

Dear Commissioner Magnan:

I am writing in support of Prairie St. John's efforts to build a mental illness and chemical addiction treatment hospital in Woodbury, Minnesota. Prairie St. John's Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota has been an excellent health provider in our community. They are also a good corporate and community taxpayer for our city and state.

Since 1997, Prairie St. John's has operated a freestanding psychiatric hospital in Fargo providing much needed services to our citizens. They also have a positive history of providing uncompensated care to Minnesota and North Dakota citizens who desperately need mental healthcare but cannot afford to pay for their services.

I believe Prairie St. John's will make an excellent addition to the psychiatric care community in Minnesota, as it has in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis R. Walaker".

Dennis R. Walaker
Mayor

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