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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Katie Pieper and I currently work as a Business Relationship Specialist. I have been in this role for 10 years. I have however been in healthcare in MN for the past 34 years and carry an active occupational therapy license.

I am writing today to share my thoughts on the bed moratorium exception proposal from Nobis Rehabilitation Partners.

When considering whether a project is in the public interest, it is important to consider three factors:

- 1. Who will have access to these services?
- 2. What will this provider's long-term roots be in the community?
- 3. How will they integrate across the continuum?

As a healthcare provider, when I consider Nobis's proposal under those three key factors, it gives me great concern. We must ensure that beds added through a moratorium exception are accessible to all, reliable, and beneficial to our state's continuum of care. Minnesota has pride in the health care available in our state, which has remarkable outcomes for patients.

Thank you for the ability to submit comments.

Sincerely,

Katie Pieper

Kathryn (Katie) Pieper

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