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Dear Ms. Simon,

My name is Matt Layman and I am Medical Director of Perioperative Services at Regions Hospital. I am writing in support of Regions Hospital Proposal for 100 additional in-patient bed licenses.

In my role as Medical Director of Perioperative Services, I provide leadership and oversight of patients as they are cared for in the operating rooms at Regions Hospital. Access to the operating rooms and flow through the recovery room is critical to the patients' overall care and outcome. Regions Hospital is frequently at capacity and this inhibits patients' access to the next phase of care.

Regions hospital is critical in providing surgical and medical care needs to the east metro, western Wisconsin and the upper Midwest. Regions also provides care to our most vulnerable population (the mentally ill and the homeless) and is a valuable safety net for this portion of our community. With the hospital at near or over capacity, these patients and their needs wait in our emergency department for placement to a room or a surgical suite. Not only does this reduce the efficiency of their care, it increases the cost as well. More beds at Regions Hospital will allow quicker and more efficient placement of these patients and will ultimately bring improved care and reduced costs.

For these reasons, I urge you to consider Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional in-patient beds to be in the best interest of the public.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew D. Layman
Medical Director of Perioperative Services
Staff Anesthesiologist