



Protecting, Maintaining and Improving the Health of All Minnesotans

May 14, 2018

Mr. Theodore Wegleitner
President, Lakeview Memorial Hospital
927 West Churchill Street
Stillwater, MN 55082

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We very much appreciate your assistance and the short turnaround.

Sincerely,

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Stefan Gildemeister
Director, Health Economics Program
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Mr. Tom O'Connor
President, United Hospital
333 North Smith Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

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President, Acute Care Hospitals
St. Joseph's Hospital, Fairview Health Services
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St. Paul, MN 55102

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