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The Honorable Senator Michelle Benson
Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Policy & Finance Committee
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3109

The Honorable Representative Joe Schomacker
Chair, House Health and Human Services Reform Committee
509 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Sen. Benson and Rep. Schomacker:

On behalf of the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood, I write to you in full support of the application by Regions Hospital to expand its number of licensed hospital beds, under SF2892/HF3202.

Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood is an education partnership that puts children in the Frogtown, Rondo, and Summit-University neighborhoods of Saint Paul on the pathway to college and career success. Our neighborhoods are directly adjacent to Regions Hospital and we are vested stakeholders in this project.

Launched in 2010 and housed at the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood takes a proactive and preventive approach to the education opportunity gap by focusing early in a child's life. Our end game is to pave pathways of opportunities leading to college and career success. As a comprehensive initiative serving children and their families holistically, accessible health care is part of our work. Regions Hospital and HealthPartners have been a key partner of the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood since its founding.

As you know, Regions is also a large part of the health care delivery system for Saint Paul and the east metro, providing over \$16 million in charity care in 2017, and treats many patients that would otherwise have limited options. It takes a village for a child to succeed, and our village includes doctors and nurses as well as parents, teachers, and mentors. We enthusiastically applaud your leadership in supporting SF2892/HF3202 so that Regions can continue its work in providing the best possible care to the patients of our state, and especially the east metro.

Thank you,

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