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Dear Ms. Simon,

My name is Reuben Moore and I am the Chief Executive Officer of West Side Community health services. Regions Hospital is our closest prenatal and women's health partner; allowing us to offer end to end birthing services for our patients. We use the Regions hospital facilities to give birth to nearly 500 babies a year with a strong clinical alliance that creates a positive impact on the health of our shared community.

I am writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed licenses. Regions serves a unique role in the east metro as safety-net, level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center, and burn center.

This facility will improve health access for the growing St. Paul community and I am a strong supporter of any effort that strengthens the well-being of our shared community.

For these reasons I urge you to find Regions' proposal for 100 additional inpatient beds in the public interest.

Sincerely,



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