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Dear Stephan Gildemeister,

I am writing this letting in support of increasing the number of hospital beds available at the PrairieCare Brooklyn Park Inpatient Unit from 50 to 71 beds. Child and Adolescent mental health remains at a crisis point with youth turned away or sent far from home for their care. The youth are our future and need to be prioritized in care to create healthy and contributing adults.

As a pediatrician who sees many, many youth in need, I strongly support this increase in available inpatient beds.

Sincerely,

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