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Dear Ms. Simon,

My name is Sunny Kaul, M.D. I am a cardiologist, and have worked at Regions Hospital for over nine years.

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 a safety-net hospital, level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center, and burn center.

It gives me great professional and personal satisfaction to work at an institution that provides high-quality care to such a vast number and cross section of Minnesotans, irrespective of race, religion, income, or nationality. As part of our work, we also train large numbers of future doctors and other healthcare professionals every year.

For several years now, the demand for healthcare has exceeded the capacity of our institution because of a shortage of inpatient beds. As I am sure you understand, patients with heart issues often need urgent or emergent care, and a delay of minutes or hours can make a big difference to their lives. Despite our efforts to work as hard and as efficiently as possible, it is often challenging to do our best for every Minnesotan who seeks our attention, because we are constrained by physical capacity.

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

Sincerely,



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