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Dear Ms. Simon,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the proposal to add 100 inpatient beds at Regions Hospital to better serve the immense needs of the community.

I am the current chair of the Hmong Healthcare Professionals Coalition (HHPC), which was founded in 1995 and has grown to become a central health resource for Minnesota's Hmong community. Our members and volunteers conduct regular screening and research, educate community members on preventative healthcare, develop best practices, and provide leadership to other health organizations.

Currently, our organization is working with Regions Hospital's Stroke Center on their Hmong Community Stroke Education and Awareness Initiative and Hmong Stroke Education Translation Project to better understand the community's perception of stroke and to provide education on prevention and care.

Regions Hospital's Birth Center has also reached out to us in the past to start a conversation regarding the provision of culturally sensitive care to Hmong families as they strive to create a more comfortable birthing experience for the diverse families served throughout the metro area.

Our coalition continues to be impressed by the dedication and diligence by Regions Hospital as a whole to provide culturally sensitive care to their Hmong patients at the hospital and in the community.

For these reasons I urge you to find the Regions' proposal for 100 additional inpatient beds in the public interest, and ask for your support in making this possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tou Thai Lee, MPH
HHPC Chair
Hmong Healthcare Professionals Coalition