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October 10, 2025

Minnesota Senate

Health and Human Services Committee

The Honorable Melissa Wiklund, Chair 2107
Minnesota Senate Building

The Honorable Paul Utke, Ranking Member,
2403 Minnesota Senate Building

Human Services Committee

The Honorable John Hoffman, Chair, 2111
Minnesota Senate Building

The Honorable Jim Abeler, Ranking Member,
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Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

The Honorable Matt Klein, Chair, 2105
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2219 Minnesota Senate Building

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The Honorable Kaohly Vang Her, Co-Chair, 5th
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To the Honorable Chairs and Ranking Members:

Minnesota Statutes, section 144.552 (c) requires the commissioner of health to provide chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance a copy of the letter that gives notice of complete applications for an exception to the Minnesota hospital bed moratorium.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) received an application for an exception to the Minnesota hospital bed moratorium on August 1, 2025: **Regions Hospital submitted an application for expansion of 85 beds at their Saint Paul site.**

MDH reviewed the proposal and, on September 5, 2025, issued a request for additional information necessary to conduct the review. Regions Hospital submitted the additional information on September 19, 2025.

This letter is to provide notice that MDH considers the public interest review application for the Regions Hospital proposal to be sufficiently complete to begin formal review of the plans.

Additional information on public interest reviews can be found on the MDH website: Hospital Bed Moratorium (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/economics/moratorium/index.html>).

If you have questions or concerns regarding this review, please contact Stefan Gildemeister, the state health economist, at 651-201-3554 or stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

/s/

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