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SUBJECT: Regions Hospital – request to increase beds

Ms. Simon,

Thank you for informing us about the opportunity to submit feedback on this proposal.

The proposal was discussed by the CapitolRiver Council (CRC) Development Review Committee on April 8, where we heard from representatives of Regions and Fairview, and it was discussed by the CRC Board of Directors at its April 25 regular board meeting. Before each of these meetings, I sent committee members the link to your website, and provided copies of the feedback submitted by Fairview and by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, so that they understood some of the points of disagreement. Some committee members and board members expressed concerns about the potential impacts to Saint Joseph's Hospital, based on that feedback. Other committee members indicated that the proposal by Regions was compelling.

The committee passed a motion to recommend support for the project, which was then sent to the CRC Board of Directors. At the April 25 board meeting, the board discussed the proposal and the concerns that have been expressed, and voted to recommend support for the proposal submitted by Regions.

Therefore, on behalf of the CapitolRiver Council's Board of Directors, which is the District Council for District 17 of the City of Saint Paul, I am writing to indicate support for the request by Regions for an exception to the moratorium and to expand its capacity and meet the demand for care in the east metro area.

Thank you again. Sincerely,

Jon Fure
Executive Director, CapitolRiver Council