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Senator Michelle Benson
Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Policy & Finance Committee
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3109
95 University Avenue West
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Representative Joe Schomacker
Chair, House Health and Human Services Reform Committee
509 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Benson and Representative Schomacker,

We are writing to express support for your legislation to add one hundred bed licenses to Regions Hospital. These additional beds will allow Regions Hospital to serve a growing patient population.

Regions Hospital benefits Saint Paul and Minnesota residents, not only as a high-quality care system and our only Level One Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center, and Burn Unit, but it is also a critical part of the safety net as the largest provider of uncompensated care in the east metro. Regions Hospital provided \$17 million in uncompensated care in 2016 alone.

Last year Regions Hospital collaborated with other area hospitals and Catholic Charities to provide a sixteen-bed medical respite unit in the Higher Ground complex, which will provide homeless patients a place to recover, and has previously employed Saint Paul students through the Right Track Program, and has hosted students across the metropolitan area for career exploration experiences. As individuals committed to the success of Saint Paul, we know that the bill you are authoring will allow Regions to continue to provide crucial services for the residents of Saint Paul and throughout Minnesota.

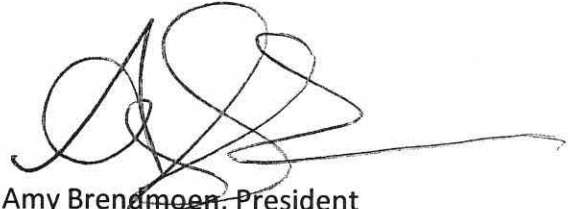
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Thank you for authoring Senate File 2892/House File 3202, which will allow Regions Hospital to continue to provide the best possible care to all patients in our state.

Respectfully submitted,



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