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Dear Ms. Simon,

My name is Michael Loushin, MD, an anesthesiologist at Regions Hospital. Our group of anesthesiologists provides anesthesia services and perioperative leadership at Regions Hospital.

I am writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed license. Regions Hospital serves a unique role in the east metro as safety-net, level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center, and burn center.

Regions Hospital provides outstanding patient care by having dedicated people who work together to provide great patient experiences and outcomes. Regions has embraced the healthcare needs of the local communities and has grown to provide expanded health care access to patients and their families.

With the ongoing growth in healthcare requirements of the local communities, Regions Hospital needs to expand to continue providing the best care for their patients. Regions now routinely experiences capacity constraints that impact the ability to provide exceptional patient care and experience. For example, limited availability of hospital beds often lead to diverting patients away from Regions. For patients waiting in the emergency department, labor and delivery or post-surgery unit, limited hospital bed capacity can result in delayed admission to an inpatient hospital room resulting in delayed care.

With additional inpatient beds, Regions will be able to further provide exceptional health care to the local communities that they serve. For these reasons, I urge support for Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient beds.

Sincerely,

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