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Dear Ms. Simon,

I am a patient/member of Health Partners, living in Western Wisconsin.

I am writing in support of Regions Hospital' proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed license.

It has been my good fortune to be served by Regions Hospital through it's affiliation with the Amery Hospital and Clinic.

In 2015 I suffered a mild stroke, and was given an angiogram, followed by open heart surgery (5 By-passes) at Regions Hospital. I haven't enough superlatives to describe the personal and professional care I received.

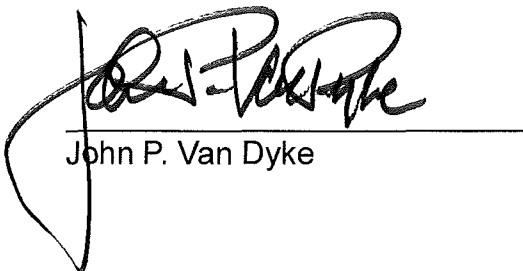
And I have since received other services, such as orthopedic consultation for back problems, all with the same level of excellence.

Finally, just today I visited my cardiologist, Dr. Steven Riendl, who serves not only Regions, but our local Amery Hospital and Clinic.

The Health Partners System reaches into Western Wisconsin to provide vital care, beyond the Metropolitan Area and I have many friends and neighbors who have received excellent services from this institution.

I urge you to find Regions' proposal for 100 additional beds in the public interest.

Sincerely,



John P. Van Dyke