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# Brain Injury Alliance

*Engaging Communities. Improving Lives.*

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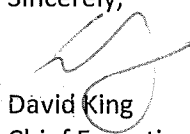
Dear Ms. Simon,

The Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance is the only statewide nonprofit dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Minnesotans affected by brain injury. We are writing in support of Regions Hospital's proposal for 100 additional inpatient bed licenses. Regions serves a vital role as the only level 1 adult and pediatric trauma center in the east metro and we understand they need to grow in order to continue to meet the needs of the communities we both serve.

Our goal is to work towards a world where all avoidable brain injuries are prevented, all non-preventable brain injuries are minimized, and all individuals who have experienced brain injury can maximize their quality of life. We know Regions Hospital shares those goals. Regions has a very active injury prevention program that focuses on outreach and education to reduce the incidents of all forms of traumatic injury. But we know when such injuries occur Regions is there to provide lifesaving care and world class rehabilitation services when necessary.

For these reasons we urge you to find Regions proposal for 100 additional inpatient beds in the public interest.

Sincerely,



David King  
Chief Executive Officer