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Re: Letter of Support – Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Exemption #003-21

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Mark Young, and I am the Chairman of the Genesee County Board of County Commissioners in Genesee County Michigan, the home of the Insight Biomedical Technology Institute. I have had the great pleasure of serving my community and county for nearly 16 years. I appreciate individuals like Dr. Shah and organizations like Insight because of their commitment to our community. That is why I enthusiastically support their efforts to operate the Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

The Insight Biomedical Technology Institute has been an incredible boon to our local economy, but more importantly it has become a destination healthcare provider in our county. Their strong commitment to their patients, regardless of their ability to pay, is inspiring. I have had the pleasure of working with Insight as they have continued to invest throughout the region. I have watched and supported their efforts to turn around a hospital in Warren in the county next door and have seen their commitment to community in their redevelopment of the Broome Village building. Insight does not simply invest in buildings; they invest in community. Their investments in our county and the City of Flint have generated much needed jobs and helped transform what had previously been an abandoned General Motors Headquarters.

Dr. Shah and Insight have been trustworthy allies in increasing access to necessary medical care in our county and I thank them for their ongoing work in that area. I support Insight's work and application to save the Mercy Hospital in Chicago, which I understand is undergoing tremendous financial strain. We have seen this play out in our communities in Michigan and I understand the frustration your community must feel at the prospect of losing this precious resource. However, I believe that Insight is the right organization to run a facility that is sustainable and dedicated to patients.

I support Insight's efforts to operate the Mercy Hospital, and I ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve their application to do so.

Sincerely,

Mark Young, Chairman
Genesee County Board of Commissioners

