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To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
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Dear Mr. Constantino and Ms. Simmons,

I writing to you in support of the sale of Weiss Memorial Hospital. I believe in our community, our community hospital and the importance of have committed employees and neighbors to support the patients that come to Weiss to get well.

I had the privilege to work with the men and women at Weiss during the pandemic here at the hospital in my role as the Director of Chaplain Services. During the first 5 months of the pandemic the staff at Weiss worked around the clock to save as many lives as they could with this horrible virus. During that time the community, the neighbors, the business rallied around our hospital and employees and provided over 10,000 meals to our staff. The out pour of support to Weiss was incredible. You know that the number of emails, and phones call I took to ensure that meals were provided not one supporter asked who owned Weiss Memorial.

In February 2021 the hospital asked me to organize a process to vaccinate the community. Our efforts to reach the community in multiple languages rewarded us with over 14,000 vaccinations given. I worked every clinic day for 6 months and do you know not one person that came to get the vaccination asked me who own the hospital they were just thrilled to have us in the neighborhood and for us to provide what they needed.

My point in all of this is we have had numerous owners over the last 30 years. Our mission has never falter and there is no reason to think it will now. A new owner that will be local can be a solid allied to the community and I believe will meet the needs of our employees who in turn will continue to provide the needed healthcare to our community. I'm very hopeful about the sale and I look forward to continue to work with the community.

Sincerely,
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