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Dear Mr. Kniery,

On behalf of Access Community Health Network (ACCESS), which serves the primary and preventative care needs of residents in the affected communities of Bloomingdale, Des Plaines, and Melrose Park, I would like to extend my support to Ascension Alexian Brothers as they transition inpatient obstetrics services to Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital.

We are pleased that all outpatient obstetrics and gynecology services, including diagnostics will continue to be offered in Elk Grove Village and Hoffman Estates. We have confidence that Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital, which provides 24/7 OB emergency care; high-risk pregnancy care; maternal-fetal medicine and neonatal specialty care; labor, delivery and postpartum care; a Level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU); and mental and emotional health support for new and expectant moms will extend these critical, specialized services to our patients.

As the largest federally-qualified health center in Illinois, ACCESS understands the importance of providing accessible and affordable health care to those who need it most. We are proud to continue our decade-long partnership with Ascension Alexian Brothers to meet the health care needs of our patient population.

Founded in 1991, ACCESS partners with patients at all points of care, providing high quality, comprehensive, integrated preventative and primary health care through a patient-centered medical home model, including integrated behavioral health services, case management, and linkage to other support services accessible to all in their own communities. ACCESS' services are designed to address the total health of underserved communities. This year, our 34 community health centers, located throughout Cook and DuPage Counties, will serve more than 150,000 low-income individuals and families, including more than 26,000 patients without health insurance.

Our care teams mutually understand the health needs of our communities and we look forward to supporting a smooth care transition for our patients and ensuring women across our communities have access to these vital health resources at Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to reach out to me at 312-526-2051 or OMahomed@achn.net for any further information.

Respectfully,



Mahomed Ouedraogo
Chief Executive Officer