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John P. Kniery, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Kniery,

On behalf of Greater Family Health, a federally qualified health center, 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 maintain substantial collaborations with the hospital as our obstetricians perform deliveries and surgeries at Saint Alexius. 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 continue to extend this specialized care to our patients.

We are encouraged by the open dialogue and existing partnership with Ascension. Their care teams understand the health needs of our communities and they are committed to addressing any barriers that may arise. We look forward to a continued partnership to ensure women across our communities have continued access to these vital health resources at Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,

V. Guadalupe Fonseca
President and CEO
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