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Executive Office

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Mr. Michael A. Slubowski
President and Chief Executive Officer
SCL Health
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Dear Mr. Slubowski,

Our mission and daily focus at The University of Kansas Health System is to support health and wellness of Kansans and ensure their access to care. We understand the critical role of St. Francis Health in the Topeka community and beyond -- both in terms of the vital care provided and the economic stability as a major employer.

The University of Kansas Health System and our proposed partner, Ardent Health Services want to ensure St. Francis Health not only remains open to serve area residents, but is supported for future growth. We are preparing a proposal to acquire St. Francis Health. Based on an initial review of the facility's operations and needs, and an assessment of our own strengths and capabilities, we are confident this model will provide the best solution for the community, employees, physicians, and patients. We will be in a position to meet the timeline outlined by SCL Health.

We believe health care for Kansans, by Kansans, is critical to thriving communities and to the state. We partnered with Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kansas, to help keep health care vibrant and successful in that community. We understand how to work with doctors, nurses and caregivers to provide quality care, while also providing access to the extraordinary resources of a nationally renowned academic medical center. In addition, Ardent Health Services has one of the most experienced joint venture management teams in the nation.

We appreciate the current uncertainty may be difficult for employees as they consider their careers and needs of their families. We want to assure you, as well as the employees of St. Francis Health, we are taking every reasonable step to assist the facility and ensure it remains open for decades to come.

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We look forward to working with SCL Health as we continue this discussion. Above all, we want to see a quality, Kansas-based solution for the long-term sustainability and growth of St. Francis Health and Topeka. We will provide additional details in our Letter of Intent. In the meantime, we wanted you and the residents of Topeka to know we at The University of Kansas Health System see a positive path ahead and look forward to pursuing it further.

Sincerely,



Bob Page
President and Chief Executive Officer
The University of Kansas Health System

cc: Governor Sam Brownback, the Governor of Kansas
The Honorable Larry Wolgast, Mayor of Topeka
Greg Schwerdt, Chairman of the Board, St. Francis Health