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Anne Diamond
Chief Executive Officer
John Dempsey Hospital
University of Connecticut Health Center
263 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032

RE: Termination of Clinical Pediatric Services

Dear Ms. Diamond:

The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of a letter from Senator Leonard A. Fasano regarding the cessation of clinical pediatric services at your East Hartford and West Hartford locations, effective October 1, 2016. With this letter, OHCA is seeking further information related to these actions.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-638(a)(5), Certificate of Need ("CON") authorization from OHCA is required for "The termination of inpatient or outpatient services offered by a hospital, including, but not limited to, the termination by a short-term acute care general hospital or children's hospital of inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse services;"

Based upon Senator Fasano's letter and the aforementioned law, it appears that the cessation of clinical pediatric services requires CON authorization. However, OHCA wants to provide John Dempsey Hospital of the University of Connecticut Health Center an opportunity to provide further information. Therefore, please provide any information that you believe negates the need for CON authorization by OHCA. Please respond to the above inquiry via mail by August 19, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Martone".

Kimberly R. Martone
Director of Operations
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cc: Senator Leonard A. Fasano



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