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March 12, 2025

Office of Governor Josh Shapiro
501 North 3rd Street
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro,

We write to express our gratitude to you and your team for your continued support to keep Regional Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital open in Scranton. Your commitment to preserving access to quality healthcare in our region has been a source of reassurance to our community.

Regional Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital have been in our community for decades. Each hospital offers a range of services, with Regional Hospital having 186 beds, offering acute care including excellent cardiac care, stroke care, and neurology. Moses Taylor Hospital has 122 beds, and offers a range of services as well, most notably obstetrics and neonatal care. Regional's ER is one of just two in Scranton, and both units are already exceeding capacity. The closure of one would be catastrophic for residents, hospital employees, and our public safety departments.

Both Regional Hospital and Moses Taylor collectively provide vital services to our community. Moses Taylor sees around 1,800 births annually, illustrating its critical role in maternal and neonatal care. Beyond healthcare, these hospitals serve as employment for many families here, employing 1,300 dedicated individuals who rely on these jobs. These figures alone highlight the indispensable role these facilities play in our region's healthcare infrastructure.

With so much at stake, we request an update from your team so that we can manage expectations and, if necessary, prepare contingency plans.

Thank you for your dedication to safeguarding healthcare access in Scranton and Northeastern PA.

Sincerely,

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Paige Gebhardt Cognetti, Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald Smurl".

Gerald Smurl, Council President



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark McAndrew".

Mark McAndrew, Council Vice President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William King".

William King, Council Member

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Rothchild".

Jessica Rothchild, Council Member

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Schuster".

Tom Schuster, Council Member

Cc: DOH Secretary

Lindsey Mauldin