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Dear Mr. Brackbill,

As President of the Suburban Health Foundation, I proudly represent the Foundation and its mission to support quality care within our community. As such, I am writing to communicate my support of the proposed affiliation of West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) and Highmark, Inc.

The Suburban Campus of Allegheny General Hospital has served the health care needs of North Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas many years. The Suburban Health Foundation has worked hand in hand with the hospital and the community to aid in the provision of programs, staff and a variety of necessary tools to meet these needs. The goal of this Foundation has been to serve as an aid to all the doctors, nurses and administration of the West Penn Allegheny Health System at the Suburban campus in their quest to make a positive difference in the health of our community. This is a health care facility staffed by people who know that it's about more than treating illness and disease; it's about providing the necessary tools to live a healthy life.

The proposed affiliation of West Penn Allegheny Health System and Highmark, Inc. will allow the Suburban Campus of Allegheny General Hospital to continue in its mission of care in the North Burroughs. It will allow us to continue to provide award winning programs alongside the quality healthcare upon which the men, women and children of our surrounding communities have come to depend. In a future where the good health of the people served by our facility is going to be more impactful than those we treat for accidents, illness and disease, a decision for moving forward on this affiliation makes the most sense. This affiliation will allow us to depend upon the experience of our long history, but more importantly, it will allow us to create a future of even greater positive impact.

I respectfully ask that you approve this affiliation as soon as possible. Our mission depends upon it.

Thank you and best wishes,

Dawn L. Landis
President
Suburban Health Foundation

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