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Robert Brackbill  
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Dear Mr. Brackbill,

Allegheny Valley Hospital (AVH) in Natrona Heights, PA has served the citizens of the community for over 100 years. AVH is a 228-bed hospital that offers a broad spectrum of programs, including medical and surgical services, inpatient psychiatric care and geriatric psychiatric care, cardiology, orthopaedics and cancer care. AVH also operates outpatient care centers throughout the community in New Kensington, Natrona Heights and Vandergrift, all providing a range of diagnostic services in easy to access, convenient locations. AVH employs 1,085 people.

The *Allegheny Valley Hospital Trust* is the philanthropic source of support for Allegheny Valley Hospital. The Trust raises and distributes funds that will promote and support the capital, operational and program needs related to the care of the sick, injured and disabled and the promotion of health for the patients of Allegheny Valley Hospital. One-hundred percent of all gifts donated to the Trust remain in the community to serve the needs of the patients who receive care at Allegheny Valley Hospital.

As a board we represent 15 businesses in the Alle-Kiski Valley that employ hundreds of individuals.

Recent facility improvements and clinical service expansion projects that have been supported through gifts to the Trust include a new emergency room that opened in 2010, an accredited chest pain center, a stroke-telemedicine program and low vision rehabilitation center, to name a few.

AVH is a member of the West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) and is able to extend clinical services for the benefit of the local community by collaborating with specialists at Allegheny General and other hospitals in the System.

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Recent developments have proceeded even though WPAHS and AVH have struggled to achieve financial stability for nearly twelve years. The proposed Highmark affiliation is welcome news on many fronts but particularly in the Alle-Kiski region because of the Highmark commitment to providing high quality care in the patient's home community. This goal mirrors the commitment of our board to raise funds to insure patients and their families only need to travel for the most complex care provided at tertiary hospitals like AGH.

On behalf of the businesses and communities that we represent, as well as the employees and physicians of AVH, we urge you to act quickly to insure financial viability and choice in hospitals and providers for our region.

Sincerely,

Allegheny Valley Hospital Trust Board



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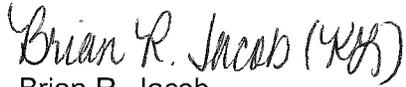
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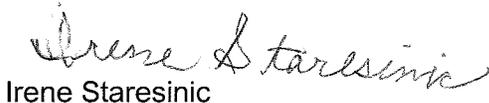
  
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