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**Brackbill, Robert**

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**To:** Brackbill, Robert  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Attachments:** CEO Mark DeRubeis Comments Hearing April 17 DRAFTv1.docx; Dr Robert Crossey PMA Comments Hearing April 17 DRAFTv1.docx

Dear Mr. Brackbill:

I am attaching an overview of the focus of comments that both Mark DeRubeis, CEO of Premier Medical Associates and Dr. Robert Crossey, board chair at Premier would like to make at the April 17 hearing. They have formally submitted their request online. If anything else is required to confirm a time slot, please contact me and thank you. Will we receive at time slot before the 17<sup>th</sup>? Thank you

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# PREMIER

MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

Dear Mr. Brackbill:

I am writing to confirm my desire to speak at the important hearing being held on April 17 regarding the West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS).

We touch the lives of more than 85,000 patients in the east end of Pittsburgh. I would like to speak for a few minutes about my perspective on competition in the healthcare arena in this region and how this can impact consumers. My primary focus will be on costs to our health care system and how the issue being considered can potentially impact those costs. I will be mindful of the time commitment.

With a focus on building better care, Premier Medical Associates is the largest multi-specialty practice in the Greater Pittsburgh area, with more than sixty physicians in ten locations. In a healthcare environment of constant change, our team is committed to preventative care and creating value for every dollar a patient spends on healthcare.

Formed in 1993, Premier Medical Associates has a team of more than sixty physicians in ten convenient locations offering specialties that include: asthma/allergy/immunology, behavioral health, cardiology, family medicine, gastroenterology, general and breast surgery, hospitalists, internal medicine, neurology, pediatrics, podiatry, psychiatry, radiology and sleep medicine.

If you can confirm a time slot with Kelley Denny at [kdenny@kdennyandpartners.com](mailto:kdenny@kdennyandpartners.com) or 412-352-9240 I will be grateful for the opportunity. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark DeRubeis  
CEO  
Premier Medical Associates



**PREMIER**  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

Dear Mr. Brackbill:

I am writing to confirm my desire to speak at the important hearing being held on April 17 regarding the West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS).

I am a physician who practices family medicine with Premier Medical Associates, which serves more than 85,000 patients in the east end of Pittsburgh. I would like to speak for a few minutes about my perspective as a physician regarding the impact the Highmark/WPAHS affiliation has on patients, many of whom will go without needed care if costs rise. As a school physician, I realize the impact this issue can have on families in our community as well as the impact on our local economy. I can also speak about the physician led approach that is part of Highmark's vision and how that can create change that truly impacts care.

If you can confirm a time slot with Kelley Denny at [kdenny@kdennyandpartners.com](mailto:kdenny@kdennyandpartners.com) or 412-352-9240 I will be grateful for the opportunity. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Crossey, MD  
Premier Medical Associates