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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Lowell General Hospital - Saints Campus Essential Services Finding

Dear Attorney Levine:

On December 27, 2019, the Department of Public Health ("Department") received notification from you of Lowell General Hospital's ("Hospital") intent to close the Intensive Care Unit ("ICU") and Operating Rooms ("ORs") at its Saints Campus. Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(D), the Department held a public hearing on February 26, 2020.

Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(E), the Department determined that the ICU and ORs are not necessary for preserving access and health status in the Hospital's service area.

Please be aware that if the Hospital anticipates the closure of any service, as defined in 102 CMR 130.020 to the public entirely or in substantial part, the Hospital must comply with the notice provisions set forth in 105 CMR 130.122, prior to closure of the service in its entirety or a substantial part.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this process. If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 753-8134.

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Sincerely

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