April 23, 2025

Dennis Renaud, Director, Determination of Need Program Massachusetts Department of Public Health

67 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752 [DPH.DON@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:DPH.DON@massmail.state.ma.us-)

**Re: Determination of Need Application UMMH-25021208-HE Registration of Ten Taxpayer Group (TTG)**

Dear Mr. Renaud,

Pursuant to the provisions of 105 CMR. §§ 100.100 and 100.435, please accept the following request for the registration of a TTG relative to Determination of Need (DoN) Application UMMH-25021208-HE for a substantial change in service and substantial capital expenditure to develop a Proton Therapy Service at the UMass Memorial Medical Center Cancer Center at Marlborough. Please note the following:

1. The name and resident address of each TTG member is attached.
2. Each TTG member is a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is subject to any Massachusetts state income, excise or property tax during 2025, the year in which the Application was filed.
3. The representative of the UMass Memorial Medical Center Cancer Patients, Families and Caregivers TTG designated to be the recipient of all written communications concerning the Application relative to this request is Audrey Kurian-Marcy. All materials can be sent to [audrey@pancreaticalliance.org.](mailto:audrey@pancreaticalliance.org)

We have discussed the DoN Application with the Applicant and are in support of UMass Memorial Health's plans to develop a Proton Therapy Service at the UMass Memorial Medical Center Cancer Center at Marlborough.

The need for investment in advanced cancer care therapies and technologies continues to grow, particularly in Central Massachusetts where population growth and cancer diagnoses are increasing. Proton therapy is a highly effective and proven cancer treatment that improves the precision of radiation in targeting tumors and reduces potential damage to healthy tissue in the body. This significantly reduces the acute/chronic side effects of treatment.

For years across all of New England, proton therapy has been exclusively offered at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Currently, patients eligible for proton therapy must travel to MGH in Boston daily or seek care out of state. For patients in Central and Western Massachusetts, and their loved ones, the significant financial burden of traveling far distances for care and the added stress of navigating parking, traffic, and lodging during treatment can be extremely taxing, exacerbating

an already emotionally and physically trying time. Offering proton therapy at the Cancer Center in Marlborough will ensure this lifesaving technology is more accessible for rural, elderly, Medicare and Medicaid patients. The precision of the technology, paired with the convenience of the location at Marlborough, will also help improve health outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients and their caregivers.

We, the undersigned taxpayers, are acting as agents on behalf of UMass Memorial Medical Center located at 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, 01655.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely,

Audrey Kurian-Marcy

[signature on file]

To Whom It May Concern:

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| Printed Name | Audrey Kurlan-Marcy |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Oherry L. Alarie |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Michael Marcy |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Donna Boulay |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
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| Printed Name | Edward N. Haddad, Jr. |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Ernest R Rivard |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
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| Printed Name | Donna C. Byrnes |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Barbara Kupfer |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Ronald S. Alanie |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Joan Morris |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |

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| Printed Name | Billie Adler |
| Signature | [signature on file] |
| Home Address | [redacted] |