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Ms. Lara Szent-Gyrogyi, Director, Determination of Need Program Department of Public Health 250 Washington Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02108

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Re: Formation of a Ten Taxpayer Group and Party of Record to the Mass General Brigham (MGB) Determination of Need Application MGB 21012113-AS

Dear Director Szent-Gyrogyi:

I write to register the undersigned as a Ten Taxpayer Group (TTG) and Party of Record to the Mass General Brigham (MGB) Determination of Need Application 21012113-AS filed on February 12, 2021. These taxpayers are acting on behalf of MelroseWakefield Healthcare located at 585 Lebanon Street, Melrose, Ma, 02176.

The TTG respectfully requests that a public hearing be held on this Application. Additionally, we urge the Department of Public Health to require an independent cost analysis (ICA) pursuant to 105 CMR 100.405(D) and M.G.L. c. 111, § 25C(h) to provide additional information as to whether the Proposed Project is consistent with the Commonwealth's cost containment goals. In order for the ICA to be truly independent and unbiased, we recommend that the Health Policy Commission (HPC) should conduct the analysis at the Applicant's expense, or at a minimum, the Department should work closely with HPC staff to select an independent third party, establish the scope of the ICA, and review the ICA prior to the Department's acceptance thereof.

The Taxpayer designated to be the TTG's recipient of all communication concerning the Application is, Ryan Fuller. All materials can be sent to <a href="mailto:rfuller@melrosewakefield.org">rfuller@melrosewakefield.org</a> or Attn: [Ryan Fuller, 585 Lebanon St, Melrose, MA 02176.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Ryan Fuller

Vice President Strategy

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