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September 27, 2013

David Seltz, Executive Director Health Policy Commission Two Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116

RE: Health Care Cost Trends - Written Testimony

Dear Mr. Seltz,

Your August 26, 2013 and August 28, 2013 letters to David F. Demick, MD, Chairman of South Shore PHO has been referred to me for reply.

We are pleased at the opportunity to provide the enclosed written testimony in response to the areas of inquiry identified in Exhibits B and C of your letter. Please share the enclosed testimony with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the Center for Health Information and Analytics (CHIA).

Please contact me with any questions at 781-624-8477 or Matthew Whalen@SSHosp.org.,

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By: Matthew Whalen, Executive Director