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Mary Boosalis

President and CEO

Premier Health

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Dear President and CEO Boosalis,

On behalf of the Dayton Unit NAACP, 1st Lady Jean and I would like to say, **“THANK YOU”** and Anita Moore, Chair of Premier Health Board of Trustees, for participating in our forum regarding the announced closure of Good Samaritan Hospital. You had an opportunity to state your case as to why Premier Health Board of Trustees made the decision to close Good Samaritan Hospital by the end of 2018. You also had an opportunity to listen to many serious healthcare concerns from your patients, employees and healthcare providers. Our hope is that you reconsider your decision of closing Good Samaritan Hospital by taking time to internalize the information you received and consider the devastating impact it will have on the Citizens of Dayton as well as the negative economic impact it will have on the City of Dayton, 1,600 jobs.

As you already know, the mission of Premier Health is to improve the quality of health at every stage of life by **enhancing the access** to top-tier health services, expertise and information.

One of the NAACP 21st Century Game Changers is to ensure that everyone will have **equal access** to affordable, high-quality healthcare which will ultimately end racially disparate health outcomes.

As you can see, Premier Health and the NAACP are both champions of providing **“ACCESS”** healthcare to the Citizens they serve. Let's continue to work together to make equal access to top-tier health services a reality. Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors, they are established. (Proverbs 15:22)

Your community servant,

Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E.

President

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