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Director Will Humble
Arizona Department of Health Services
Director's Office
150 North 18th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Director Humble:

As elected leaders in our communities, we recognize a need for urgent critical services in the Southeast Valley. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is inform you of our overwhelmingly support for the Chandler Regional Medical Center's application for a Level I Trauma Center designation.

As you know, the best chance for survival following a traumatic injury occurs when the injured person is seen and treated within an hour of the event. This hour is known as the "Golden Hour" and the chance of survival for the Level I trauma patient decreases significantly after an hour has passed. Paramedics "scoop and run" in a Level I trauma call. The plan is to waste little time at the scene and rapidly transport the patient to a Level I Trauma Center. We know paramedics will even bypass closer hospitals to get the patient to the trauma center.

The explosive growth in the Southeast Valley in recent years has perpetuated the need for a Level I Trauma Center to serve our urban and rural communities. Only approximately 42% of severely injured patients in Maricopa County arrive to a Level I Trauma Center within the golden hour. The number is even more staggering for our neighboring Pinal County, in that only 10% of severely injured patients reach appropriate trauma services within the golden hour. We know that 1,400 severe injuries occur in rural and frontier regions, necessitating long distance transports.

Patients from our cities, towns and counties needing care for life-threatening injuries are currently taken to downtown Phoenix or Scottsdale at times - reaching those facilities outside the golden hour window. With the opening of Chandler Regional Medical Center's Level I Trauma Center these long transports can be averted with better outcomes for the residents in our communities.

Dignity Health has committed significant financial resources necessary for capital infrastructure and the recruitment of highly skilled medical professionals necessary to make Chandler Regional a premier Level I Trauma Center in the Southeast Valley. We are equally committed to ensuring that our residents receive the best quaintly health care services available in this region and urge your support of Chandler Regional Medical Center's Level I Trauma Center designation.

Sincerely,

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