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RE: Project No. 11-108, Delnor Comprehensive Cancer Center, Geneva

Dear Ms. Avery,

Attached are two letters in support of the project to develop a Comprehensive Cancer Center on the campus of Delnor Hospital. We received these letters from members of our community and are submitting them for consideration in advance of the State Board meeting on February 28, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gretchen Parker".

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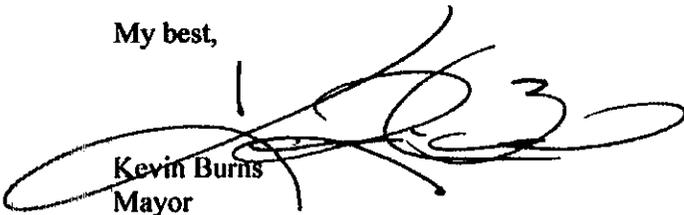
Dear Tom:

As the Mayor of the City of Geneva, I am pleased to submit a letter of support for Delnor's application to develop a comprehensive cancer center on the campus of Delnor Hospital. As a representative of the community and a resident, I am aware of the need for such a facility close-to-home and the enhancement it could bring to the city of Geneva and its surrounding communities.

The development of a comprehensive cancer center would be a tremendous benefit not only to Delnor's oncology patient population, but to the entire Tri-Cities community. While many of the services proposed in the cancer center are currently available within the community, they are fragmented throughout various locations. Having one comprehensive center would meet the needs of the patient, their caregiver and family members. I am confident that a comprehensive cancer center on Delnor's campus could provide improved care to the patient, provide a better patient and family experience, and improve the ability of the caregiver to provide better care.

On behalf of the City of Geneva and the greater Tri-Cities area, I look forward to this enhancement in services to our community and the people we serve. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (630) 232-7494.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Burns", is written over a printed name and title. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large loop at the end.

Kevin Burns
Mayor

Christopher George, MD
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January 25, 2012

Tom Wright
President, Delnor Hospital
Delnor Hospital Administration, 300 Randall Road
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Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing in support of Delnor Hospital's effort to develop and build a comprehensive cancer center on their hospital campus in Geneva. As a medical oncologist in this area, caring for cancer patients for the past decade, I believe such an addition will greatly benefit the community of the Fox Valley.

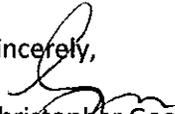
Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer can tell you that these cases demand specialized attention. These patients face individualized challenges. I believe it is vital that hospitals and communities have resources and physicians dedicated to the treatment of cancer. This is difficult when cancer patients are intermixed with other patient populations: pregnant mothers, trauma victims, children, etc. A comprehensive cancer center would bring cancer patients to one location for all their treatment, from diagnosis to cure.

The medical team caring for these patients also faces challenges. Cancer treatment is increasingly a multi-disciplinary endeavor. Treatment planning requires input and expertise from multiple personnel. Optimized care brings these physicians together (the medical oncologist, the radiation oncologist, the oncologic surgeon, etc.) But the team does not consist only of doctors. Chemotherapy nurses, social workers, dieticians, and multiple other staff all play a vital role. The value of having this team in one place, under one roof, cannot be overstated.

Such cancer centers do exist of course, but not currently in the tri-cities (Geneva, Batavia, and St. Charles). At present, cancer patients in these areas travel long distances for comprehensive cancer care. Chicago's academic medical centers are excellent, but they are over 25 miles away, a long car ride even without Chicago traffic. When cancer patients need help, even a *ten* minute ride can be prohibitive. We want our local cancer patients to have all the specialized, dedicated care found in these medical centers, but close to home, close to their family and support system.

On behalf of the medical oncologists of Cadence Physician Group, Delnor Campus, I urge you to help make this cancer center a reality. Our community and our patients deserve it.

Sincerely,



Christopher George, MD (on behalf of Drs. Robert Bayer,
Perry Menini, and Avanthi Ragam)