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April 23, 2021

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Congressman Steven Palazzo
U.S. House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Additionally, the Multispecialty Center will expand Memorial Hospital's inpatient rehabilitation facility with the addition of 60 beds; which would double the existing capacity of 33 beds. Memorial is rapidly engaging in several transformative healthcare initiatives that will leverage existing services by expanding them into the lower six counties of Mississippi. These initiatives include establishing wellness centers and services via an Accountable Care Organization, a newly accredited residency program as well as expanding telemedicine capabilities that will extend coverage of our services to the numerous outpatient centers and Critical Access Hospitals in our market area. The telemedicine capabilities that will be housed in the Multispecialty Center are a component of the Memorial Virtual Medicine Program and will provide direct care to Memorial's patients in their homes and places of employment, servicing the entirety of the lower six counties of Mississippi.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this request, and for the opportunity to support such a worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,



Billy Hewes
Mayor



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom McDougal, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom McDougal, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer



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Mark L. Studdard, FACHE
Associate Administrator

Gulfport

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

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Loyal Ownes, CEO
Gulfport Behavioral Health System



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John O'Keefe

CEO

Select Specialty Hospital-Gulf Coast, Inc.

