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The Honorable Michael P. Summers
Mayor, City of Lakewood
Mayor's Office
12650 Detroit Avenue
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Dear Mayor Summers:

Over the past three months, multiple factions have emerged in the discussion of the future of Lakewood Hospital. Despite best efforts, MetroHealth continues to be pulled into the maelstrom. I am sending this letter in the hopes that it will help the Lakewood community to move forward.

More than one year has passed since MetroHealth's unsuccessful proposal. Since then, we have developed strategies for the physical transformation of our health system, which do not include an inpatient facility in Lakewood.

As an example, we are starting construction on an expansion of our Critical Care Pavilion, which will house 85 intensive care rooms, that is entirely financed by MetroHealth. While we continue to work with our partners, Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland and Greater Cleveland Partnership, to refine the plan and secure financing, there is no role in that plan for an inpatient facility in Lakewood.

As always, we remain committed to improving the health of the Lakewood community and would be happy to develop relationships that would facilitate access to our providers and facilities.

Sincerely,

Akram Boutros, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

c: Members of Lakewood City Council
County Executive Armond Budish
Members of Cuyahoga County Council
Members of Lakewood Hospital Association Governing Board