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It is our pleasure to express the strong support of Jewish Family Service of MetroWest NJ (JFS MetroWest) for RWJBarnabas Health and the renewal of State-appropriated funds to RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget. As a community-based nonprofit social service agency serving individuals and families throughout Essex and Morris counties, JFS MetroWest is committed to strengthening the emotional well-being of vulnerable community members through a broad range of supportive services.

State-appropriated funds enable RWJBH to sustain partnerships with organizations like ours that directly address barriers to health, safety, and wellness. JFS MetroWest's mission aligns closely with RWJBH's long-standing commitment to improving community health outcomes and addressing the social determinants of health. RWJBH's role as an anchor institution—and its dedication to reducing disparities and improving access to care—makes its partnership invaluable to our work.

Through our collaboration, RWJBH has supported JFS MetroWest programs, and JFS MetroWest has provided presentations and training to RWJBH staff on issues related to Domestic Violence, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and others.

As we strengthen our relationship with RWJBH, we are consistently impressed with RWJBH's expertise, community outreach infrastructure, and capacity to mobilize resources that support our services and amplify our impact. Continued State-appropriated funding to RWJBH is critical: without it, the system's ability to support community partners like JFS MetroWest would be greatly limited. Reduced investment would directly affect the number of households we can assist, restrict access to nutritious food resources, and impede collective efforts to mitigate the root causes of food insecurity across the region.

JFS MetroWest expresses our sincere appreciation for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health and remains grateful for their ongoing commitment to strengthening and sustaining healthier communities across New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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