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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

It is my pleasure to express my strong support for RWJBarnabas Health and for the renewal of State-appropriated funds to RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget.

As a Council Member and former Mayor of the Township of Livingston, I have seen firsthand the positive and far-reaching impact RWJBH has not only within Livingston, but throughout our surrounding communities. RWJBH works closely with a wide range of community organizations that support our most vulnerable residents, including the Livingston Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry, local temples and synagogues, veterans' organizations, and numerous other social service groups. As a member of several of these organizations myself, I have personally witnessed RWJBH's consistent and meaningful involvement. State-appropriated funding enables RWJBH to sustain and expand these vital community-based programs.

At the municipal level, RWJBH remains a valued and trusted partner to the Township of Livingston. The organization collaborates closely with our Department of Health and works alongside township leadership to address critical issues impacting our seniors, veterans, and families in need. Livingston is a diverse community, representing many nationalities, cultures, and faiths, and RWJBH's inclusive approach ensures that all residents are served with dignity and care.

Our mission as a township aligns closely with RWJBH's long-standing commitment to building healthier communities and addressing the underlying social factors that drive poor health outcomes. The Township of Livingston has maintained a close and productive relationship with RWJBH since the establishment of Saint Barnabas Hospital in our community in 1964. Over the years, RWJBH's continued growth and expansion of medical services have further demonstrated its commitment to excellence and community partnership. Continued State-appropriated funding is essential to maintaining this work.

I sincerely appreciate RWJBarnabas Health's partnership with the Township of Livingston and with the many social service organizations they support—many of which I am proud to be involved with personally. I remain grateful for RWJBH's ongoing dedication to building and sustaining healthier communities throughout the State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael M. Vieira'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael M. Vieira
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