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Subject: Munson Healthcare's Written Testimony on SB 674

Good evening Ms. Sweet:

I wanted to share the following written testimony on SB 674 which is up for discussion tomorrow in the House Health Policy Committee.

Chair Vaupel, Vice Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Liberati and Members of the Committee,

Munson Healthcare is opposed to SB 674 as written. However we would change our position to one of support, if the bill was amended to read that the removal from CON of air ambulance would not take effect until the Statewide Emergency Medical Services Coordination Committee and the LARA Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules completed their rule making process for air ambulance providers (a process that is set to begin soon). It is critical that air ambulance CON not be removed until these new rules and regulations are written, approved and effective.

We understand that these rules are soon to go through the rule making process and once complete will provide the necessary and critical quality and safety requirements, similar to the current CON standards, to ensure that air ambulance services are safe and of the highest quality. Repealing the CON standards before these rules take effect would put at risk the safety and wellbeing of patients in Michigan as air ambulance providers would have a gap between important safety and quality regulations governing the industry.

We hope that the committee considers this amendment to align the administrative rule making process with the elimination of CON for air ambulance providers in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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