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The Honorable Lee Chatfield, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Christine Greig, House Minority Leader
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Speaker Chatfield and Leader Grieg,

Today it is my distinct honor to write to you in support of House Bill 5229. HB 5229 would amend the Municipal Partnership Act to facilitate consideration and create the opportunity for a multi-county transit plan in Metro Detroit and other municipalities.

Beaumont Health has always been a strong supporter of a regional transit plan and believes HB 5229 is a key step forward in creating a transit plan driven by the communities it will serve. We believe that a connected, thriving regional transit system would help Southeast Michigan become a healthier place to live and work.

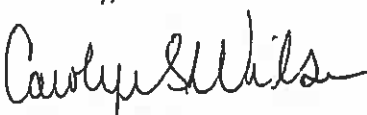
As one of the state's largest employers and Michigan's largest health care provider, we believe a more coordinated and reliable regional transit system would greatly benefit Beaumont patients, their families, and our current and future employees who want to work at Beaumont and live in Southeast Michigan.

Beaumont Health has eight hospitals and 145 outpatient sites that span across three southeast Michigan counties. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of patients that visit Beaumont sites each year, we employ over 38,000 people. Regional transit will create career opportunities at Beaumont for people who rely on public transportation, thus helping to boost our local economy as well as make it easier for those who need to access our health care services.

The ability for people to travel from one county or community to another is essential to their overall quality of life, especially when it comes to access to quality health care. We believe HB 5229 will help the residents of Southeast Michigan achieve reliable transit all while retaining authority and accountability for the transit with local communities and voters.

Beaumont Health is proud to support HB 5229 and urges the opportunity for a vote on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Sincerely,



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