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Carroll 2030 Committee
c/o Lynn Wheeler, Director
Carroll County Public Library
1100 Green Valley Road
New Windsor, MD 21776

Dear Ms. Wheeler, Mr. Toth and the Carroll 2030 Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of Carroll Hospital Center in response to the draft Carroll 2030 plan, specifically the Health & Well-being cluster.

I applaud you for your efforts in partnering with businesses and organizations to outline a vision for the future of the Carroll County community. Carroll Hospital Center is thrilled about the inclusion of our Vision 2020 within the plan. This vision was based on a year-long process conducted by the hospital's leadership team as well as a full scale community wide health assessment conducted by The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County. The health assessment identified numerous health indicators needing attention. Carroll Hospital Center was able to address five of the most pressing indicators within Vision 2020.

With health care reform and the hospital's Vision 2020, indeed the need for the top three priorities ranked by 2030 Committee within the plan are paramount, especially the need for coordinated technology and high speed internet connectivity. Carroll Hospital Center's future success will be greatly attributed to our ability to share data on patients between the hospital, providers, and ancillary health organizations. It will be vital to have seamless integration to better manage a patient's care and impact the overall cost of the health care experience.

Although some of the 2030 Vision is very futuristic in nature, the needs outlined within the Health and Well-being cluster are generally aligned with the hospital and its planning.

Thank you again to the committee for its hard work in pulling this plan together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Sernulka", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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Chief Executive Officer

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