



May 18, 2015

Office of Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

On behalf of Tenet's Florida region, I want to thank you for your leadership and your support of critical funding for the indigent and uninsured in our state.

Our system consists of nine hospitals with ten sites of service and over 3,000 licensed beds in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties. Our region is home to four comprehensive stroke centers, and we are the exclusive provider of trauma services in Palm Beach County. As a tax-paying, investor-owned healthcare system, Tenet's Florida region pays over \$21 million dollars in sales and property taxes and provides more than \$896 million dollars in charity care per year.

The Low Income Pool (LIP) funding Tenet receives is put to good use caring for Florida's most vulnerable that come to our facilities in a time of need. The complete discontinuation of LIP would devastate the state's entire healthcare system. The effects would be immediate for all hospitals, but the ripple effect will likely be felt far beyond our hospitals' doors.

We understand the model for funding LIP should be improved upon. We believe a concept where the dollars follow the patient along with an improved base DRG rate would be most beneficial to the state, the healthcare system and most importantly, the patients.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of service to you on this or any other healthcare related issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marsha Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marsha" being more prominent than the last name "Powers".

Marsha Powers

CEO, Tenet Healthcare, Florida Region