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Office of Governor Rick Scott
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The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
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Dear Governor Scott:

This letter is in response to your May 8, 2015 letter to me about "*How Hospitals Can Fairly Share Record Profits*". I am pleased that you have asked for feedback on ways to address the needs of our most sick and vulnerable patients. Further, I am grateful that you have a focus on alternatives to, as you say, "*assist the institutions who most need funding assistance.*"

Thank you for staying committed to finding a solution to the supplemental funding issue. Yesterday seems to be a step in the right direction with a letter from CMS.

Earlier this week, UF Health Shands Hospital submitted data in response to your May 13, 2015 data request. This letter is the next step in working with the *Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Financing* (Commission) to assist in developing ideas and methodologies to support those institutions in greatest need of financial assistance and to *potentially* develop means by which hospitals may be able to share profits. As a member, I stand with the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida (SNHAF) in recommending that the Commission establish goals and objectives, as well as a common set of terms and definitions to ensure profit-sharing scenarios offer comparative values. I have attached the SNHAF's May 22, 2015 letter to this document, which does an excellent job of describing issues the Commission should consider. As that letter states, I look forward to working with you and the Commission.

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of pediatric and adult patients, medical residents and employees of SNHAF hospitals, we look forward to working with you and the Commission to find a solution to this funding issue. In the meantime, we continue to provide excellent health care to all citizens of the state of Florida, while also educating tomorrow's physicians and developing the promising treatments of tomorrow through research.

Sincerely,



Edward Jimenez
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Attachment