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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

As you come to a final decision regard the approval of SunRail, I would like to provide you some details regarding our involvement in and commitment to this transportation project:

1. Florida Hospital will pay for our own rail stop at a project cost of approximately \$3.5 million.
2. Florida Hospital will market ridership to all our 17,000 employees and will work with businesses within one mile of our stop to encourage ridership.
3. Florida Hospital will subsidize ridership for our employees to encourage them to use SunRail, much as we already do for the Lynx bus system.
4. Florida Hospital will work with the Orlando Museum of Art, the Orlando Science Center and two performing arts theaters next to our hospital to help market ridership for their events.
5. Florida Hospital will work cooperatively with businesses and municipalities all along SunRail to enhance ridership and development.
6. Florida Hospital is in the process of developing the western portion of our Orlando campus, a project known as Health Village. We are working with developers and architects to make this a transit oriented enterprise. This would include retail, doctors' offices, commercial offices and housing. We expect this to add to the employment and tax base of the area. Over the life of this project we are projecting \$810 million in construction and the creation of potentially 15,000 jobs. Included in this project are 100,000 square feet of general office space, 88,000 square feet of retail space, 776,000 square feet of medical office space and 586 multi-family units. Florida Hospital is already building a \$20 million research facility in Health Village. We also have a commitment from a developer to begin construction of a 230 unit apartment building in first quarter of 2012.

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We have an approved development order for Health Village. Part of the order was predicated upon the presence of commuter rail. While the whole project is not contingent on SunRail, the lack of the commuter rail will have a negative impact upon economic development and job creation around our facility. Without SunRail, we estimate that there are at least 2,500 jobs that will not be able to be created. In addition, there would be approximately \$155 million in construction that will not be possible because of traffic impacts that were mitigated by presence of commuter rail. A significant amount of the developable property would have to be taken up with garages to accommodate increased automobile use. It is not difficult to see this as a poor exchange of jobs for garages.

Governor, thank you again for the time you took to listen to our group in your office a few weeks ago. I hope that the above details provide you with strong evidence of Florida Hospital's holistic commitment to the success of SunRail, and to SunRail's vital role in the economic prosperity of Central Florida. As you know, this region is currently the state's strongest job growth engine. As you weigh the future of SunRail, please consider very carefully the project's support from me and my colleagues who run the businesses that create that job growth.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO

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