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The Honorable Richard Cordray
Ohio Attorney General
30 E. Broad St., 17th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Attorney General Cordray:

My colleague, Senator Eric Kearney, recently sent you a letter expressing concern about the state of healthcare in the Cincinnati region as it relates to the proposed sale of the Jewish Hospital to Mercy Health Partners. As you know, the Jewish Hospital is currently a member of the Health Alliance along with University Hospital and others.

I write today to respectfully ask that you, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, carefully review Senator Kearney's letter regarding this transaction and assess the impact such a sale may have on University Hospital and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, as well as the other institutions in the Health Alliance. I continue to hear concerns from the community that a speedy execution of this transaction may inadvertently put those important institutions at risk and might significantly reduce the level of indigent care in Cincinnati.

While I take no position on whether or not this transaction can or should take place, I continue to urge all parties to develop a community solution that secures the futures of all of those concerned. I am certain that a mutually amicable solution can be achieved, making it possible for all institutions to conduct their respective missions with no disruption to the healthcare-seeking public. Your help in achieving this goal, if appropriate, is appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Warm personal regards,

Shannon Jones
State Senator
7th Ohio Senate District