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HOSPITAL
Key West

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Lower Florida Keys Hospital District
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Board of Commissioners,

In advance of the Lower Florida Keys Hospital District Board Meeting on May 8th, 2024, OUR HOSPITAL Key West (OHkw), our advisors, advocates, supporters and the citizens we advocate on behalf of, we present the following for your consideration.

Given that your Board of Commissioners has proactively requested District Counsel Lew Fishman (in August of 2023) provide a summary of the LKMC lease with CHS with a natural expiration of April 2029, and his guidance for how the District Board should proceed with these considerations in his Memorandum cited in the December 2023 minutes, which include:

Any determination by the Board must find that it is in the best interests of the community, that the Board must perform an objective operating comparison of hospitals with a similar service mix between public and private hospital operators, and, given the District Board's Public Purpose is for the preservation of the public health, for the public good, and with further consideration that CHS has indicated a desire to renew its lease in December of 2023, ***we respectfully request the Board of Commissioners formally adopt a competitive / comparative analysis process of numerous Hospital Operators for the District Hospital lease renewal at the upcoming Board Meeting, May 8th, 2024.***

We feel a formal approval of the Board of Commissioners to seek additional leading South Florida Hospital Operator detailed interest, which would be in addition to CHS's interest in becoming the successor lessee for our District Hospital would alleviate community concerns, while meeting the Board's fiduciary duty to the public. Perhaps the issue of whether or not an RFP is necessary or required can be ascertained after initial detailed interest from all interested Hospital Providers is realized.

Thank you in advance.

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