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To: Mr. Rodrigo Lopez and the Children's Hospital Board

The mission of the Nebraska Medical Association is to advocate for physicians and the health of all Nebraskans. As the current President, I have received numerous calls and comments from physicians in Omaha, Lincoln and greater Nebraska about the current state of affairs at Children's Hospital regarding patient care, safety and quality.

In addition, we as physicians are concerned about the summary suspensions, terminations and resignations of long-time outstanding physician colleagues. We are saddened to hear of children being transferred to outside institutions for additional care because of complications and inadequate specialist physician coverage at Children's Hospital.

Issues have been raised about possible medical staff by-laws violations. As you know, physicians and the medical staff are responsible for the delivery of medical care and medical decisions within the hospital and we take this role very seriously. Of late, the medical decisions and hiring of new physicians are done without physician input. My constituents and I are concerned about current leadership methods.

Children's Hospital is a tremendous community asset and for children and their families, a trusted institution. It has been my privilege to be a member of the medical staff for over 26 years. We thank you and the entire board for working to reestablish Children's Hospital to its honored status and integrity with physicians and most importantly the patients we are fortunate to serve. We must protect and provide the best care for our children!

Sincerely,

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