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Dear Ms. Avery and Mr. Constantino,

I am the president and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital – Highland. I understand that the applicant on Project #20-017 is relying on referral volume from Dr. Matthew Bradley, who was represented as being affiliated with Dr. Felix Ungacta and his practice Midwest Bone and Joint Surgery (MBJS), to support the addition of orthopedic surgery at Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center. Today I received the attached letter from Dr. Bradley advising that he is no longer affiliated with Dr. Ungacta or MBJS, and effective May 29, 2020, "all relationships and referrals to any provider of MBJS including Dr. Felix Ungacta ceased immediately." Dr. Bradley further states in the letter that, "My decisions on where to operate are in no way linked to nor determined by anyone but myself and my patients."

Please include Dr. Bradley's attached letter in the project file for Project #20-017, Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center. Thank you.

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