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Eric Dickson, President and Chief Executive Officer UMass Memorial Health, Inc. 55 N. Lake Avenue Worcester, MA 01655

Dear Dr. Dickson,

As you know, Leominster experienced unprecedented flooding one week ago today. We are currently under a local and state declaration of state of emergency and are working toward a federal disaster declaration by the Biden Administration.

Currently we have streets closed with substantial damage. We have over 500 residents that reported damage to homes since we asked just two days ago. That number will continue to climb. Electrical panels were submerged in many apartment buildings and those people are currently in our hotels. Our commuter rail is under repair. We lost one ambulance to the flooding.

All city departments are working 24/7 to address the needs of the people of Leominster. On behalf of my constituents and city departments, I expect that you won't close the maternity ward during this time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

DEAN J. MAZZARELLA

Mayor