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N. Earl Jones, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing to compliment you on selecting Triad Hospitals, Inc. as your partner. I am a general surgeon in Las Cruces. In fact, I am a third generation Las Crucean and therefore very knowledgeable of our community history.

Currently, I serve as the elected Chief of Staff for MountainView Regional Medical Center. We have over 160 physicians on staff. Over 95% of these doctors have privileges at our other community hospital, Memorial Medical Center. I also serve as Vice President / President Elect of the New Mexico Medical Society and therefore have a very good understanding of statewide medical needs and issues.

I became involved with Triad as part of the initial physician steering committee. I, along with numerous physicians, welcomed the addition of a second hospital in our growing community. But it was just not the physicians who welcomed the new hospital but also our community who demanded choice.

Some individuals have tried to blame Triad and MountainView for Memorial Medical Center's (MMC's) financial woes. This point of view is without merit and widely rejected in our community. MMC's financial woes were self-inflicted based on poor management decisions and not due to the presence of a second hospital.

Triad is a quality organization that is lead by quality people who focus their efforts on strong patient, employee and physician relationships. You are fortunate to have Triad join your community. Please contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,



David G. Klein, MD