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# HIGHLAND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

June 1, 2021

Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

Re: H.B. 222 – Proponent Testimony

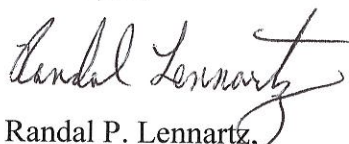
Dear Senate Local Government and Elections Committee members,

Chair Senator Gavarone, Vice-Chair Senator O'Brien and Ranking Member Senator Maharath and members of the Committee, thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 222.

It would be beneficial for House Bill 222 to pass. As a small, rural, public hospital, we struggle with the ability to expand the scope of our services for the residents of our community. In many instances, we do not need the full-time services of some medical specialties and look to form partnerships or joint ventures with other hospitals to share these specialties. The possibility that these partnerships or joint ventures could be considered "public entities" makes it very hard to complete such deals, thereby limiting the services we can offer in our local communities. House Bill 222 specifies that these types of arrangements are separate entities, not part of the hospital and therefore not public entities.

Chair Hillyer, Vice-Chair Grendell and Ranking Member Galonski and members of the Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randal P. Lennartz".

*Randal P. Lennartz*

Randal P. Lennartz,  
President & CEO

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: June 1, 2021

Name: Randal P. Lennartz

Are you representing: Yourself  Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Highland District Hospital

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes  No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H.B. 222

Specific Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

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