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Lisa FYI. Relevant to our negotiations and/or exploration of possible alternate investor-partners?

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To Board Members of the Cleveland Clinic and its Community Hospitals:

Special announcement about negotiations for a new health system affiliation

I am pleased to announce that today Cleveland Clinic and Community Health Systems, Inc. signed a letter of intent to enter into exclusive negotiations with Akron General Health System for a joint venture acquisition of Akron General Health System. Community Health Systems will be making a significant capital investment in Akron General Health System, and Cleveland Clinic's primary role will be to support clinical program and service development.

Cleveland Clinic has long-served patients from the Akron area, and this will allow us to expand our clinical services in the region as Community Health Systems grows its presence in the state. For Akron General, this partnership means access to tremendous resources as it continues to deliver on its mission of providing high-quality healthcare services to patients.

Details of this agreement will be finalized over the coming weeks, including the potential purchase of these Akron General Health System assets: Akron General Medical Center, a 532-bed acute care hospital in Akron, Ohio; the 70-bed Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Lodi Community Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital approximately 30 miles west of Akron; and other related healthcare care facilities and services.

This development exemplifies the positive impact our relationship with Community Health Systems can have as we continue to work together to seek new ways of improving the quality and value of healthcare locally, regionally and nationally.

Thank you for your commitment to Cleveland Clinic and the patients we serve.