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Dear Dr. Chandra:

I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Citizens Medical Center. As you are aware, bypass surgery is performed at Citizens Medical Center by Dr. Yasuke Yahagi. Nevertheless, it is our understanding that rather than refer patients to Dr. Yahagi and have a bypass procedure performed at Citizens Medical Center, you refer patients to another cardiovascular surgeon for evaluation.

While it is certainly your right to exercise your medical judgment as you see fit, likewise, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors at Citizens Medical Center to exercise their judgment as to what is in the best interest of the business of Citizens Medical Center and its patients and Medical Staff. It is the Board's firm belief that it is in the best interest of Citizens Medical Center for patients who are capable of being treated at Citizens Medical Center to be treated at Citizens Medical Center and not be transferred elsewhere.

In this connection, it is our understanding that, for the past several years, you have not referred cardiac surgical candidates to Dr. Yahagi but, rather, have referred those patients either out of town or to cardiovascular surgeons who do not have privileges at Citizens Medical Center.

In connection with the foregoing, the Board of Directors of Citizens Medical Center has the following questions that we request you respond to in writing:

1. In the calendar year 2008 and 2009 how many surgical patients have you referred to Dr. Yahagi or asked Dr. Yahagi to consult with?
2. In the calendar year 2008 and 2009 approximately how many Citizens Medical Center patients who were potential cardiac surgical candidates have you referred to cardiovascular surgeons other than Dr. Yahagi or Dr. Taylor when he had privileges at Citizens Medical Center?
3. Do you intend to refer future cardiac surgical patients to Dr. Yahagi?
4. Why have you made these referrals to doctors other than Dr. Yahagi?
5. Do you intend to continue with this same practice in the future?

Please understand that the Hospital Board acknowledges that it is your right and, in fact, your duty to refer patients to physicians that you believe are in the patient's best interest. It is not the goal of the Board of Directors to ask you to compromise your judgment in any fashion. At the same time, it is

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