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Darrell Villaruz  
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Department of Public Health  
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Dear Mr. Villaruz:

I am writing to express the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce’s strong support for Boston Children’s proposed clinical building.

I understand that the project has undergone an extensive and thorough public review process beginning in 2012 which resulted in it receiving approvals from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston Landmarks Commission, Boston Civic Design Commission and Boston Zoning Commission. I understand that it is now before Massachusetts Department of Public Health to review its impact on the availability and accessibility of cost effective, high quality health care services to the citizens of Massachusetts.

Boston Children’s is one of the more cost effective pediatric teaching hospitals in the country, and it is consistently ranked at the top of national rankings for the quality of the healthcare services it provides. It is precisely for these reasons that Boston Children’s not only provides the highest quality healthcare to local children, it attracts patients from all across the country and the world to Boston and, as a result, is one of the premier drivers of the City and regions’ economic health.

The direct benefits to the local economy from this project include 350 construction jobs and 675 high quality permanent jobs. Thanks to Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s requirement that such projects return 5% of the capital expenditure to the local community to support community health initiatives, the direct benefits to the Greater Boston community will include an infusion of over $50 million to promote the health and well-being of the area’s most vulnerable children and families.

For these reasons, I hope you will act favorably on Boston Children’s Determination of Need application and would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

James E. Rooney  
President & CEO