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Ralph de la Torre, M.D.
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Dear Dr. de la Torre:

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security will hold a public field hearing in Boston, Massachusetts on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 11:00 am on the impact of for-profit companies on access to health care. Steward Health Care operates health centers across eight states, including nine in Massachusetts. You have been involved with Steward Health Care since 2010, when Cerberus Capital Management purchased six non-profit hospitals in Massachusetts. As Chairman of the Subcommittee, I write to invite you to attend and testify at the hearing in your capacity as Chairman and CEO of Steward Health Care.

The Senate HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security has jurisdiction over matters related to health access. Subcommittee rules require that written testimony be submitted in advance. Please e-mail a copy of your testimony and brief biography, as a Word document no later than April 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. You will have the opportunity to provide a brief oral overview of your testimony to the Subcommittee; your remarks should last no longer than five minutes in order to maximize the time for interaction with Subcommittee Members.

Please respond by March 20, 2024 confirming your attendance at this hearing. If you have any questions, please contact my staff at 202-224-2742. We look forward to seeing you in Boston on April 3.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
Chair, Senate HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security