



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 14, 2020

John T. Fox  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Beaumont Health  
3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Dear Mr. Fox,

We were alarmed to learn this weekend that you have decided to close a crucial healthcare facility during the deadliest pandemic our nation has seen in over a century. As we speak, small armies of volunteers are sewing homemade face masks for their neighbors. Healthcare workers, first responders and grocery store clerks alike continue to put their own health and safety at risk in order to serve their community. Americans across the country are stepping up to help one another for the common good.

Yet this is the moment you have decided to close the Beaumont Wayne Hospital and make its 185 beds unavailable to care for COVID-19 patients.

We cannot overstate how important Beaumont Wayne Hospital is to the community it serves. In 2018 alone, this hospital received over 61,000 emergency room visits and brought nearly 1,000 new-born babies into the world. Countless lives have been saved by the care provided by Beaumont's talented and dedicated staff.

In the midst of the coronavirus crisis, that care is essential. Since March 1st, over 11,000 residents of Wayne County have contracted SARS-COV-2, the novel coronavirus, making our county the hardest hit in Michigan and one of the worst hotspots in the nation. The situation has gotten so dire that the federal government has had to construct a field hospital at the TCF Center in Downtown Detroit with 250 beds out of concern that we lacked the necessary capacity. To then remove from service the 185 beds at Beaumont Wayne Hospital is not only irresponsible; it is a threat to the very health and safety of the community you claim to serve.

People across this nation are making extraordinary sacrifices in this time of crisis and putting the needs of the nation over their own self-interest. We urge you to do the same and immediately reopen the Beaumont Wayne Hospital, including your Emergency and Family Birth Centers, and resume the testing and care for COVID-19 patients that is indispensable in this fight.

Sincerely,

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Rashida Tlaib  
Member of Congress (MI-13)

Handwritten signature of Debbie Dingell in blue ink.

Debbie Dingell  
Member of Congress (MI-12)