

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

April 16, 2020

Mr. John T. Fox  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Beaumont Health  
3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Dear Mr. Fox:

We write to follow up on our letter dated April 14, 2020 regarding the closure of Beaumont Wayne Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since that time, we have heard from numerous employees, families of patients, local elected officials, and other critical stakeholders expressing concerns about this decision and the impact it will have on communities in Western Wayne County and surrounding areas. Therefore, we request answers to the following questions:

- When did Beaumont Health first decide to request a Certificate of Need from the State of Michigan in order to close the ER and OB/GYN Units and exclusively house COVID-19 patients at Beaumont Wayne Hospital?
- Why was that choice made, and why was Wayne Hospital, out of all the hospitals in the Beaumont system, chosen to serve COVID-19 only patients?
- Once this decision was made, how were staffing levels and duties at Wayne Hospital adjusted as a result of those changes? How did those changes effect staffing at other Beaumont facilities?
- We understand some employees at Beaumont Wayne Hospital have already been laid off. How were employees notified of this decision? How will these layoffs impact Beaumont's readiness to respond to a potential second wave of COVID-19 infections?
- How many employees have you laid off and how long are they expected to be laid off for?
- Does the Beaumont system have the space needed to care for patients transferred from Beaumont Wayne Hospital at other Beaumont locations?
- The SARS-COV-2 novel coronavirus is expected to continue in the population for months, if not years, into the future. At what point is Beaumont Health prepared to re-evaluate the decision to turn the facility into a facility for only COVID-19 patients and re-open the Emergency Center and Family Birth Center at Beaumont Wayne Hospital?
- Does the Beaumont Wayne Hospital currently provide testing for coronavirus? If yes, when did that testing begin, and have there been any interruptions to that service? If no, has Beaumont Wayne ever offered testing for coronavirus, and why does it not currently?
- Are Beaumont employees entitled to hazardous duty pay, and on what date was that pay first offered? What is the rate of that hazardous duty pay?

- We understand you have laid off employees at Beaumont Trenton, and we have also heard concerns from Beaumont Taylor that they may close. What are your plans for those two facilities?
- Please provide us with the total size of the workforce employed at Beaumont Wayne, Beaumont Taylor and Beaumont Trenton Hospitals on March 10, 2020, broken down by facility, department and job classification. How many of those workers have been reassigned to other facilities in the Beaumont system? How many have been furloughed, terminated, laid off, or otherwise removed from service?
- What were your first quarter operating losses, broken down by each facility you operate?
- The majority – 81% - of your losses in the first quarter of 2020 were for non-operating income. What were those losses?
- What was the value of Beaumont Health’s cash and investments at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019?
- How much funding has Beaumont Health received to-date under the CARES Act?

Thank you for your prompt attention to our questions.

Sincerely,



Debbie Dingell  
Member of Congress



Rashida Tlaib  
Member of Congress

CC: Beaumont Health Board of Directors