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January 28, 2010

Mr. John Mrzygod, Streetcar Project Manager
600 E. 4th St., 14th Floor
Charlotte, NC28202

RE: Exempt Discretionary Program Grants for Urban Circulator Systems
City of Charlotte Streetcar Project

Dear Mr. Mrzygod:

The leadership of Presbyterian Hospital believes that a modern streetcar system will provide extremely positive benefits to our patients, our staff and many of our visitors.

I have been involved with the planning of the proposed Charlotte Streetcar Project since its inception, most recently serving on the Charlotte Streetcar Advisory Committee. In doing so, I have gained multiple perspectives regarding this project and the positive impact that it could have within the Charlotte community. Presbyterian Hospital sits on the property where Elizabeth Avenue terminates into Hawthorne Lane. We have staff who use the bus system every day. We also have employees, on a daily basis, who travel Uptown for meetings but have to use their cars because currently there is no timely transit option.

Presbyterian Hospital supports the City of Charlotte Streetcar Project and its application for a \$24.99 million Exempt Discretionary Program Grant for Urban Circulator Systems. We think that this is an important first step as the City develops the proposed streetcar system that will span from Beatties Ford Road to Central Avenue. This project builds on previous engineering studies, completed track construction and current engineering planning. This is a progressive, yet practical action for the City of Charlotte. We look forward to this becoming a successful project – it will benefit our community, our neighborhood, our patients and our staff.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven C. Burke".

Steven C. Burke
Vice President
Real Estate & Construction

CC: Elizabeth Day, FTA Office of Planning and Environment