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Dr. Esmail Porsa
President and Chief Executive Officer
Harris Health
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, TX 77401

Dear Dr. Porsa,

On behalf of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, I am writing to share our support for the needed expansion project at Harris Health Ben Taub Hospital. As first responders, caring for the sick and injured in the backs of City of Houston ambulances, our firefighters and paramedics see the true value your system provides to the residents of our community every day.

When seconds matter, our firefighters and paramedics know they can rely on the medical expertise and resources found at Harris Health's Ben Taub and Lyndon B. Johnson hospitals.

As one of only two Level I trauma centers in Harris County, Ben Taub Hospital is unique in that it serves both the public and first responders. Firefighters routinely encounter situations where rapid access to advanced trauma care is the difference between life and death. The proposed expansion to provide an additional 100 beds will directly enhance our ability to serve the community and ensure that more patients can receive the high-quality medical attention your teams provide.

Ben Taub's expansion and the addition of the replacement trauma hospital on the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital campus will help alleviate the significant overcrowding we encounter daily in our community's safety net hospitals. HPFFA deeply values the partnership between Harris Health and the Fire and EMS Services, and we recognize the immeasurable impact that your doctors, nurses and staff have on public safety and the health of our community.

The Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association steadfastly supports the Ben Taub Hospital expansion, and we look forward to our continued collaboration in responding to the emergency medical needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF L-341