



January 15, 2026

Esmaeil Porsa, MD
President and CEO, Harris Health
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, Texas 77401

Dear Dr. Porsa,

The Houston Region Business Coalition's support for the expansion of Ben Taub remains steadfast. This investment is critical to our community, and the landmark institution Ben Taub Hospital must be allowed to fulfill its mission of serving all residents of Harris County and continuing to provide Level I trauma service to its residents and first responders.

Our organization and its members clearly recognize the value and benefit of Harris Health to always be prepared and provide our community with the best possible medical care when necessary. This is why supporting the Ben Taub Hospital expansion is so important to our coalition. Maintaining a robust and well-supported hospital and its elite Level I trauma care is essential to not only Houston and Harris County, but to the entire southeast region of Texas.

The closure of Ben Taub for any amount of time frame is unacceptable and why we support your efforts to secure this parcel of land which will allow Ben Taub to continue to serve this community while creating a new 100-bed expansion facility.

We further urge the rest of the residents of Houston and Harris County to lend their support and learn more about the Ben Taub Hospital expansion project. Forward-thinking Initiatives like this are extremely important to the continued growth and prosperity of our shared hometown.

Sincerely,

Houston Region Business Coalition