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Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council  
225 Market Street  
Suite 400  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Re: Hospital Performance Report Formal Comments**

Dear Mr. Volavka:

We at Mercy Suburban Hospital take this data seriously, but would like to note that some of this data reflects last year's report. All of the deaths were reviewed that were statistically significant. Most patients had a severity level of (3) three or greater. The patients that expired had significant comorbidities and the majority of deaths were DNRs.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

**Mark C. Barabas, Chief Executive Officer**