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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this year's report.

We are very pleased with the results of the data presented to us this year by the Health Care Cost Containment Council. We have no fallouts in any of the categories listed on the report. This is a testament to our very aggressive team approach to quality improvement, which has been very successful in correcting previous issues. We are proud of our teams, and it is very gratifying to see our hard work pay off.

Our commitment to providing cost-effective, quality health care to our community drives our corporate vision. We will continue to strive for further improvement in our care of our patients, and we look forward to your reports for use as benchmarks in our continuing quality improvement projects.

Yours truly,



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