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Dear Ms. Farrell and Mr. McCarthy,

Please let me introduce myself.

My name is CJ Urlaub, President of Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston NY and I would like to speak on Thursday at the Behavioral Health Services Council meeting.

There are already two Part 818 Inpatient Rehabilitation providers in Niagara County. They are Mount St. Mary's (Clearview) and Eastern Niagara Hospital (Reflections) and both are concerned with the Newfane application.

My testimony will be to present the following about Mount St. Mary's Hospital:

- We are facing a severe staffing crisis and have 140 Full Time Equivalent open positions or 17% of our workforce.
- We increased the number of Part 818 Inpatient Rehabilitation Beds (Clearview) in 2021. Previously there were 45 beds and have increased to 69 beds. Every day since the increase, we have had available beds and have never been completely full with appropriate patients.
- Approximately 30% of Mount St. Mary's Clearview patients originate in Erie County, where there is a need for more Inpatient beds closer to where they live.

These facts should be considered when reviewing a new providers application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Under a separate email my Admin Mikel Zakia has requested I be registered to speak at the Rochester site on Thursday. Please let us know if there is any other forms to complete in order to register.

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