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Ms. Linda A. Mosch, P.E.
Project Director, Northern Branch Corridor EIS
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NJ TRANSIT
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Dear Ms. Mosch:

Englewood Hospital and Medical Center actively supports the proposal to restore passenger service through the City of Englewood via the proposed extension of the Hudson-Bergen light rail service, as I testified during the public hearing in Englewood on January 26, 2012.

The Medical Center believes that it is critically important that the new light rail line include stops at Route 4, Englewood Town Center and Englewood Hospital. For this reason, we do not support NJ Transit's "Route 4 Option" that ends light rail service before reaching the heart of Englewood. We understand the concerns and strong opposition from the residents of Tenafly. In light of these concerns we support instead a new option that is in the discussion stages that would bring light rail only as far north as Englewood Hospital.

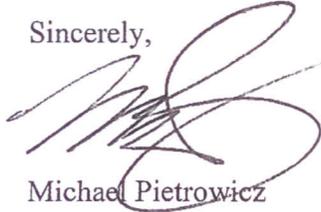
The proposal will provide immediate and convenient access for our patients, employees, volunteers and physicians who reside in the towns along and immediately adjacent to the proposed rail including Leonia, Palisades Park, Ridgefield, Fairview, North Bergen, Union City, West New York, Guttenberg, etc. These towns are located within the Medical Center's primary service area.

The Medical Center recently completed a facility master plan which identified future needs for the expansion of services and the required clinical and parking facilities to accommodate our projected growth. Our future plans identify the need for the construction of a new parking

structure on our campus. We would be receptive to discussions with NJ Transit on a partnership to develop a shared parking facility and safe pedestrian access that would integrate the needs of the Medical Center with NJ Transit's needs for parking along the proposed light rail line.

We look forward to an opportunity to meet and discuss this proposal with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Pietrowicz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Pietrowicz

Senior Vice President, Planning and Program Development

cc: Frank Huttle III, Mayor
Englewood City Council
Englewood Economic Development Commission
James Weinstein, Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT