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March 13, 2013

The Honorable Senator Tom Casperson
Michigan Senate
715 Farnum Building
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing MI 48909

Dear Senator Casperson:

I am writing to encourage your support of Senate Bill 136 to create the "Religious Liberty and Conscience Protection Act." As President and CEO of OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group – the Upper Peninsula's only Catholic hospital – I fully support this legislation.

This act will serve to protect both institutions and health care employees by allowing each to follow their conscience. As a religious-based hospital, it is essential for us to be able to refrain from providing services or performing procedures that are contrary to our faith. Additionally, providing reasonable accommodation for individual physicians and employees who object to participating in certain health care services as a matter of conscience is vital to attracting and retaining talented professionals.

I appreciate all that you have done to protect healthcare in our communities – particularly in rural, underserved communities within the Upper Peninsula – and encourage swift passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

David Lord, President & CEO
OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group

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I appreciate all that you have done to advance religious liberty and conscience protection in the healthcare field and encourage swift passage of this legislation.

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