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DUKE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

September 25, 2017

The Honorable Greg Walden, Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Tim Murphy, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
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Dear Sirs:

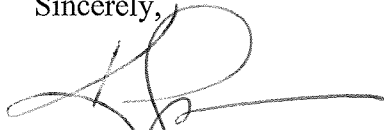
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As Mr. Vick has indicated, Duke will be pleased to respond to the Committee's various requests by the previously agreed-upon preliminary deadline of September 29, 2017. We note that our response at that time will draw from readily available data presently in our systems dating from September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. A complete response to your requests for data prior to the above 2014-2016 timeframe - particularly with respect to requests #1 and #3 - would require additional time, however, as it would necessitate access to information from outside vendors which would then need to be processed and reformatted for consistency with our other responses. We presently anticipate that the substantial effort involved in producing responses for the requests prior to September 1, 2014 would take approximately four additional weeks or October 27, 2017. We would submit the data as soon as it is available. We would therefore request such additional time to the extent the Committee continues to need this earlier historical data.

Also, regarding the data we will be providing pursuant to your requests, we would like to confirm your staff's previous discussions with representatives of the American Hospital Association in which it was stated that the data which we present will be treated confidentially by the Committee as part of its investigative and oversight activities. We would be grateful if you could confirm this with us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request for additional time should this earlier historical data be deemed necessary by the Committee.

Sincerely,

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