



February 4, 2021

Chair Prusak and Members of the Committee:

G Street Integrated Health is a non-profit Community Health Center which opened in Springfield in October 2019 with two physicians and three physician assistants. Our mission is to offer comprehensive, professional health care with respect and kindness to everyone in our community, including those most vulnerable.

Our patient population is 70% Medicaid and 15% Medicare. We receive no federal funding, have a substance use disorder clinic, a mental health agency, offer primary care services, including internal medicine and pediatrics, and we have same day walk-in service from 8am-8pm, seven days a week.

This community health center is financially solvent because of the work and dedication of the six physician assistants we have on staff. They are professional and provide high quality, high value, comprehensive care to our patients. Quite frankly we wouldn't be able to survive without them.

Our Board of Directors whole-heartedly supports the proposals in HB3036 to simplify and/or remove barriers to quality care that exist in our state currently. In our office the "clinically experienced physician assistant(s)" mentor the new physician assistants to share best practices and provide feedback. HB3036 further demonstrates the important value that physician assistants add to the medical communities they serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Ocker".

Jennifer Ocker
Executive Director