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Dear FIRST NAME:

There’s no denying the significance of 2020, especially as it relates to the future of healthcare. The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has tested the limits of our frontline providers, who bravely continue the fight against this evolving pandemic with limited resources to ensure the health and safety of our communities. As the 2020 election approaches, it’s critical we do our part and advocate for these heroes.

This is where the advocacy work of the MHA Political Action Committee (Health PAC) is so valuable. By identifying and supporting lawmakers who understand the challenges facing Michigan’s healthcare community and are willing to stand up for decisions that move us forward, Health PAC successfully engages lawmakers in policy decisions and advances issues critical to Michigan hospitals, healthcare workers and patients.

The COVID-19 pandemic has displayed how important influence can be in Lansing and Washington, DC. With Michigan having one of the highest rates of infection in the nation at the beginning of the pandemic, the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) helped secure approximately $250 million worth of personal protective equipment, improve testing capacity and address the cancellation of nonemergency medical procedures. While our hospitals cared for thousands of patients, the MHA worked tirelessly to collect important data, foster communication between lawmakers and ensure our healthcare workers and organizations had the resources needed to care for and protect themselves and their patients. Additionally, the MHA worked to address sustainable delivery methods for telehealth and advocate for structural models addressing the weaknesses of Michigan’s public health infrastructure.

Despite this positive momentum, there’s still important work to be done. **I’m hopeful you’ll join us at** INSERT NAME OF HOSPITAL **in supporting the 2020 Health PAC fundraising campaign, which is set to launch Monday, August 3.** Health PAC funding is one of the most critical tools to ensure the hospital community has access to elected officials in Lansing and Washington, DC., and it’s vital we use our unified voices to promote and protect the health and well-being of the communities we serve. **While this request is voluntary, I encourage you join me in making a contribution of $100, $250, $350, $500 or more to Health PAC.** **Please take a moment to complete the enclosed form and return it with your contribution by Friday, October 16.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for all you do on behalf of our patients and their families. If you have any questions regarding Health PAC, please contact me or Stacy Dowdy at the MHA at (517) 703-8648 or sdowdy@mha.org.

Sincerely,

NAME

Enclosure

*To see which lawmakers the MHA Health PAC supported in 2019, visit* [*www.mhahealthpac.org*](http://www.mhahealthpac.org).

*All contributions are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. To support Michigan’s congressional delegation, 35 percent of individual contributions totaling $350 or more will be forwarded to the American Hospital Association Political Action Committee.*