

Attachment 'A'

The start date of 1/1/2011 and completion date of 12/31/2012 are dependent on various factors, primarily the continuing economic downturn, the status of the recovery and its impact on the credit environment. We will need to be able to access affordable capital without compromising our bond covenants, which would in turn impact our ability to provide equipment and other needed capital investments to ensure that we are able to continue to provide state-of-the-art care for our community.

Attachment 'B'

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Subject: SB 1661 Information for Providence Health & Services – California Hospitals

Dear Mr. David:

Enclosed please find the SB 1661 Reports for our five Providence Health & Services – California hospitals:

- Providence Holy Cross Medical Center – Mission Hills
- Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center – San Pedro
- Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center – Torrance
- Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center – Burbank
- Providence Tarzana Medical Center

All of the required information is provided on the attached reports. We have added notes to the bottom of three of the reports, which explain some of our responses.

You will note that for two of our hospitals, our facilities in Torrance and Tarzana, the start and completion dates fall outside of the current interim deadlines. Given the severe economic downturn and its impact on the current credit environment, access to adequate capital at affordable rates is almost impossible to obtain. Failure to obtain affordable capital would put at risk our ability to repay the debt required to complete all of these projects within the State's time requirements. Further, if we could obtain the needed capital, this debt could threaten our bond covenants, which would in turn impact our ability to provide equipment and other needed capital at all of our hospitals – putting all of the communities we serve at risk of not having adequate hospital services, even those communities in which our hospitals will meet the seismic requirements. Therefore, while we fully support and intend to meet the ultimate goal of SB 1953, we need to stagger our seismic construction work over time, and therefore will be pursuing all possible avenues to seek flexibility with regard to the interim deadlines.

Please feel free to contact me at (818) 847-3334 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Chief Executive

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cc: Paul Coleman, Acting Deputy Director, Facilities Development Division