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Ms. Sue Perrotty, President and Chief Executive Officer
Tower Health
420 S. 5th Avenue
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RE: Jennersville Hospital – Planned Closure

I write on behalf of the Oxford Borough Council, and all of the constituencies that they represent, to express sincere disappointment and concern over the announced closing of Jennersville Hospital. The Jennersville Hospital is a community based medical facility with a long history of providing much needed emergent and specialty care to the residents in Southern Chester County. The recently announced closing came as an unanticipated shock and did not allow for stakeholder input or participation.

The closing of Jennersville Hospital leaves an untenable void in medical care in Southern Chester County, with the two nearest acute care facilities being the Chester County Hospital located in West Chester, PA and Christiana Hospital located in Newark, DE, both approximately thirty (30) miles from Oxford Borough which translates to ground transportation time of forty (40) minutes. This distance and transportation time is significantly longer than the current ten (10) minute commute to care at the Jennersville facility. Southern Chester County Medic 94 is headquartered at the Jennersville Hospital. The closing is anticipated to have a deleterious impact on pre-hospital emergency medical care in Southern Chester County, directly impacting Medic 94, and greatly increasing transport times from the community to alternate acute care facilities.

Jennersville, has for decades, provided critical acute care and specialty services to an entire region. The closing represents a clear reduction in the quality of life in Southern Chester County. The Borough of Oxford strongly encourages Tower Health to work with all stakeholders to find alternatives to the closing of the hospital.

Sincerely,

Cary B. Vargo

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Interim Borough Manager

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Representative John Lawrence, PA 13th Legislative District
Chester County Commissioners