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#### Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of Children's Wisconsin (Children's), I write today to express my gratitude for your support of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Children's appreciates your attention and quick action over the last few weeks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you're well aware, Children's staff, and those of our fellow Wisconsin hospitals, are on the frontlines continuing to provide high-quality care to our patients while working around-the-clock to prepare, respond to and care for patients impacted by COVID-19. It is impacting every facet of our workforce and our business.

Children's focus during this outbreak is on protecting our highest risk patients and our workforce, as well as preserving supplies so we can continue to provide essential care to all children. To that end, we are taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reserve capacity of personal protective equipment (PPE) by canceling or rescheduling all non-time-sensitive procedures, consolidating clinic operations, and implementing additional hospital visitor policies. Our in-house laboratory is providing COVID-19 testing to patients and staff in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) protocols. We are coordinating with our adult hospitals across the state to create capacity within our system for any neonate or pediatric intensive care patients to free up adult bed capacity. We are also expanding our intensive care unit capacity at Children's Wisconsin-Milwaukee Campus to take young adults up to age 26.

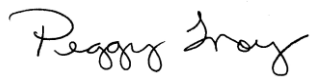
At the same time, we are redeploying staff and implementing new strategies to meet the needs of our patients. This includes implementing telehealth visits for patients – for regular check-ups, urgent care, and mental and behavioral health therapy – to make sure patients who need to see a provider are still able to do so, but from the safety of their own home. We are also identifying proactive solutions for helping families deal with the unexpected stress and disruption of COVID-19, including mental and behavioral health services through online school-based services and community organizations.

Children’s is grateful for the \$100 billion of funding for hospitals included as part of the CARES Act, which will help support our planning efforts, ensure our hospital staff are supported, as well as help us address our additional COVID-19-related expenses and lost revenues. We are also supportive of additional funding included in the CARES Act to replenish and increase production of PPE and other medical supplies, to support our state and local governments and public health agencies, to address mental and behavioral health needs for young people, and support for child welfare services, whose critical work is ongoing to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families in our communities.

While the recent COVID-19 relief packages are immensely helpful to Children’s and to communities across Wisconsin, we ask for your continued attention and efforts to help us secure critical PPE, testing supplies and administrative actions to support our state’s efforts to respond to this pandemic.

Thank you for your responsiveness to this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Troy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peggy Troy  
President & CEO  
Children’s Wisconsin