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Diana Ellis, D.D.S. Director, Community Dental Center 406 North Ashley Ann Arbor, MI 48103-3308

Dear Dr. Ellis:

This is to provide a letter of support for the Community Dental Center of the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry.

At Hope Clinic we strive to offer dentistry aid to all who are in need, and we fully recognize the value of complementary organizations like CDC to complete the dental safety net in Washtenaw County. Dental insurances under the expanded Medicaid/Affordable Care Act often reimburse at such a low rate that most private practices refuse the coverage. By accepting patients with low reimbursement insurance carriers, CDC provides accessible, high-quality dentistry to the underserved and financially challenged.

Hope Clinic has a long history of collaboration with CDC to provide much needed dentistry services. Working together we maximize the efficient use of the limited healthcare resources available. We look forward to a continuation of this effective relationship with CDC, with the joint goal of providing optimal healthcare services for our clients.

Sincerely

James C. Gajewski Executive Director