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Mr. Joseph R. Impicciche
President and CEO
c/o Ascension Health Care
101 South Hanley Rd., Suite 450
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Impicciche:

I write to bring your attention to this article from the *Chicago Tribune* detailing the decision made by Advocate Aurora Health to test for and treat those afflicted with COVID – 19 at no cost and without regard to whether the patient has insurance.

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/ct-coronavirus-advocate-hospitals-fees-cost-20200313-nx5ndrtwpzalthik7gtwzpe4xa-story.html>

This is community-oriented health care of the first order and a decision proportionate to the gravity of the moment.

I would ask that your organization consider a similar decision for your provider network, particularly at St. Joseph's Hospital in Milwaukee. This hospital is the only source of medical care for many of my own constituents and serves some of Milwaukee's poorest residents – many of whom lack adequate insurance. This pandemic cannot – must not -- become a death sentence for the poor and uninsured. But without actions like those of Advocate Aurora, I fear the worst. Knowing the long-standing commitment that your organization has made to Milwaukee, I know I can look forward to a positive outcome in this matter.

Should you have questions of me, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Ald. Khalif J. Rainey
Alderman, 7th District

