

**Transplant Institute** 

December 10, 2018

Ms. Lisa M. Stocks, Chair, Membership and Professional Standards Committee UNOS 700 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Stocks,

I am writing this letter today on behalf of Methodist University Hospital (TNMH) and our Senior System Leadership team to affirm our continued support of the Transplant Institute. As the Methodist University Hospital President, I am focused and committed to ensuring that our Transplant Program has the best quality outcomes. The decline in our outcomes is of utmost concern and is not taken lightly. We have engaged an outside consulting company to partner with us on identifying opportunities for improvement that will once again allow us to meet the UNOS requirements and our own expectations of exceptional outcomes.

The Transplant Institute Leadership and the Senior Hospital Leadership will work closely to dedicate the time and resources necessary to ensure the program's success. Our commitment to transplant is evident in the new hospital tower expansion. The 275 million dollar investment includes a 24 bed inpatient transplant unit, 2 dedicated operating rooms, 12 bed transplant ICU, and a dedicated transplant outpatient clinic, with space for both infusions and procedures. We remain committed to providing the best quality outcomes so that we may continue to meet the needs of the patients in our community.

Sincerely.

Roland Cruickshank President, Methodist University Hospital