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Dear Health Commissioners and SF Supervisors,

As dedicated medical staff from the St. Luke's campus of CPMC, we would like to express our support for the planned rebuild of St. Luke's Hospital. Our Women and Children's unit is committed to providing high quality, safe, culturally sensitive care to the SOMA community. A new hospital at this site will help us in our efforts to bring babies safely into the world, close to home and surrounded by family and friends. It will allow us to continue to provide emergency services for San Francisco's most vulnerable citizens, who have come to depend on us. And it will provide a safety net for the entire city should we suffer a catastrophic event. Your unyielding support of our efforts to "Save St. Luke's" has positioned us to update, rebuild and grow. On behalf of the women and children we serve, we again ask for your support.

Thank you,

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