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Dear Ms. Tarpey,

On behalf of Mount Sinai Beth Israel (MSBI), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to discuss transferring the former Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Center (SVMC) Thayer Lindsley Endowment to the MSBI Department of Surgery. As the leading hospital in lower Manhattan serving a diverse community, we are the ideal medical center to continue the impactful legacy of Mr. Thayer Lindsley.

The closing of SVMC in 2010 was a loss for our city and health care community. For more than 100 years, MSBI and SVMC both served all who were in need and made indelible marks on generations of patients and health care providers. For much of the 1980s, MSBI and SVMC were at the center of the fight against HIV/AIDS in lower Manhattan, identifying and treating this life-threatening disease and leading the way for other medical institutions across the country and throughout the world. Today, the legacy created by both institutions continues as MSBI is developing a geriatric HIV/AIDS program—an initiative that was unimaginable 30 years ago.

MSBI was extremely fortunate to recruit numerous members of the St. Vincent's staff after the hospital's closure in 2010. Entire programs and departments, including the Cystic Fibrosis Center and Community Health Department, joined our hospital, as did leading physicians including former St. Vincent's Department of Surgery Chair, Christopher Mills, MD. Dr. Mills has provided great insight into the history and use of the Thayer Lindsley Endowment and is enthusiastic about the potential transfer of funds to the MSBI Department of Surgery.

MSBI is part of the Mount Sinai Health System (MSHS), which includes seven member hospitals and a top-20 medical school, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. With five hospital campuses in Manhattan and one each in Brooklyn and Queens, 12 minority-owned free-standing ambulatory surgery centers, and a network of more than 430 primary care physicians, 2,784 full- and part-time physicians, and 3,783 voluntary physicians, MSHS is the largest health care system in New York State. Formed in 2013 when Mount Sinai Hospital and the Icahn School of Medicine merged with Continuum Health Partners, Inc., MSHS has created a system of clinical excellence and unrivaled research across New York City.

As part of the Mount Sinai Health System, MSBI departments and physicians have the unique opportunity to participate in translational research projects, combining clinical and scientific expertise. The MSBI Department of Surgery is heavily engaged in a Surgical Oncology and Vascular Surgery Outcomes Research project. Our vision is to create a database to track and analyze clinical outcomes with a goal of seeing improvements in quality of care, patient outcomes, and, in collaboration with bench

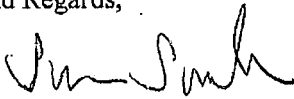
researchers at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, uncover novel treatments. It is our hope that the Thayer Lindsley Endowment can be used to support this important hospital initiative.

Combining the Thayer Lindsley Endowment with an existing project within the MSBI Department of Surgery will help in maintaining oversight for quality assurance and statistical analysis. The funds will be used to support personnel and technology that are both main components of the project, ultimately resulting in better patient outcomes. Michael Wayne, MD, Justin Steele, MD, Thomas Bernick, MD, and Robert Grossi, MD—all former SVCMC faculty—are currently engaged in this project and will benefit directly from the transfer of funds.

MSBI and the former SVCMC share a common mission: to serve the health care needs of the community of lower Manhattan. MSBI would be honored to continue the longstanding tradition of SVCMC and the Thayer Lindsley Foundation through the transfer of funds in support of a Surgical Oncology and Vascular Surgery Outcomes Research project.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this proposal and for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our vision and mission in more detail and look forward to continuing the conversation. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind Regards,



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