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Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

On behalf of Allegheny General Hospital I would like to thank the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for the opportunity to review and comment on the 2006 Hospital Performance Report. We recognize the value of transparency and in providing the public access to hospital performance data.

In our continuous effort to improve performance, we utilize this information in conjunction with additional sources of outcomes data to monitor and improve the quality of our patient care. Allegheny General Hospital is steadfastly committed to providing our patients with safe and high quality care. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Council in the future.

Sincerely,

Connie M. Cibrone
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cc: Pam Zajdel