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Marc P. Volavka
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PA Health Care Cost Containment Council
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

Canonsburg General Hospital is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's 1998 Hospital Performance Report.

At Canonsburg General Hospital, we review all deaths as part of our quality assessment program. We are pleased that our mortality rate for all 15 of these diagnoses was within the expected range for our institution.

Our hospital and medical staff work closely together to evaluate the care we provide our patients and we support the work of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council to share this information with the residents of our State.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Bensaia
President/Chief Executive Officer

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