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Phil Jackson  
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

We at Sunset Family Practice, five family practitioners, one general internist, one physician assistant and one nurse practitioner read with extreme disappointment and some dismay at your plan to terminate without a cause the contracts of both Body Imaging and Epic Imaging. We have referred patients to both facilities for many years and have always been pleased with their professionalism and personalized timely patient service. As primary care providers and as long standing local staff members of St. Vincent hospital staff, we have partnered and have been dedicated to excellence in patient care, which includes timely scheduling of urgent imaging studies and prompt feedback from the radiologist. Regretfully, as the volume of patients has mushroomed, the administrative and scheduling difficulties and obstacles at St. Vincent Hospital have emerged as a significant barrier to maintaining excellence in patient care. The availability of both Epic and Body Imaging offered available and welcome options to service these critical patient needs and often at a level SUPERIOR to that of the hospital. It would appear that your decision to terminate their contracts was solely motivated by economic reasons and in fact, in our opinion, would lower the quality of service to our collective primary constituency of patients and potentially causing harm to them by monopolizing radiology services. We, as primary care providers, are entrusted with the sacred privilege of advocating for the well being of our patients. We cannot endorse your plan finding it in your best economic interest, but antithetical to the best health care interests of our patients.

Yours Sincerely,

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