



November 10, 2025

I would first like to express my sincere gratitude to Governor Braun and his team, including Indiana Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Lindsay Weaver. Their leadership, research and understanding of our community's needs were instrumental throughout this process.

This journey has been about far more than the purchase of a hospital; it is an opportunity for growth, expanded services and improved health outcomes for those we serve. This is an exciting moment for the two health systems, co-workers, patients and the community.

From the beginning, we knew we wanted to protect more than 500 high-paying, high-skill health care jobs in the Wabash Valley. This will also come with an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars to improve health care outcomes for our region - including access to care.

We've always known this would be a difficult and complex process. But working collaboratively with the State of Indiana—whose foremost goal is to protect the citizens of Terre Haute, Vigo County and the surrounding region—we were able to find a path forward that balanced accountability, access and long-term community benefit. The Governor's Office and Dr. Weaver played an exponentially important role in helping us achieve that balance.

I also want to thank the many legislators who supported this effort over the years, including former Senator Jon Ford, former State Representative Alan Morrison, and our current delegation—Senator Greg Goode, Representatives Bob Heaton and Tonya Pfaff. Each of them recognized the seriousness of this issue and remained committed to finding a solution that protected our community's health care future.

We are also deeply grateful to the business community and the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce for their steadfast advocacy and understanding of what was at stake - including Mayor Brandon Sakbun and the County Commissioners (Mark, Chris, and Mike). Their partnership helped ensure that these critical healthcare jobs and services remained right here in the Wabash Valley.

It's important to emphasize that this effort was to ensure the services provided by Regional Hospital remained open, vibrant and accessible to the people who depend on it. The Certificate of Public Advantage (COPA) process has put safeguards and accountability measures in place to ensure that we provide not only fair pricing but also the highest quality of care.

**Healthier, together.**

1606 North 7th Street | Terre Haute, IN 47804 | [www.union.health](http://www.union.health)

Finally, I want to thank the incredible team at Union Health—and soon, our combined team with Regional Hospital. The coming weeks will bring long hours and important work as we unite to serve our patients, even as flu season arrives at our doorstep.

I am humbled by what has transpired and deeply proud of what this community has achieved together. This was never simply about acquiring another hospital—it was about ensuring that we didn't lose one, and that our community's access to quality health care would be protected for generations to come.

We ask for the community's patience and continued support as we move forward. This next chapter will require hard work and careful steps, but together, we will get it right.

Steve Holman

President & CEO, Union Health