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To whom it may concern,

We, at Dream Smiles Pediatric Dentistry, would like to thank you for taking the time to review the current situation with hospital block time for pediatric dental cases here in Maryland.

We have been struggling with finding time at the hospitals and surgical centers to provide dental treatment under general anesthesia for our patients with extensive dental caries for a long time, but the situation has become so much worse now, as some hospitals, including Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, have removed the block time for Pediatric Dentists.

Our patients are currently in a very bad situation, and keep calling office regarding the pain and dental infection their children are experiencing which could become systemic at any point and cause life-threatening situations. It is devastating that there is not much we can do about it other than prescribing antibiotics which is obviously not resolving the issue. We just opened this office a year and half ago and already have 40 patients on our OR waitlist, which is growing fast.

We highly appreciate if you could review this crisis and help us help these families who are in need of urgent dental treatment.

Sincerely Yours,

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