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Sorry Kevin,

I just wanted to add a comment to item number 10-4, "Primary Urgent Health Care".

In 2008 when I was the Mayor of Douglas, I had met with the former CEO of Holland Hospital, the former head of the Emergency Department for Holland Hospital and the Chairman of the board of directors for Holland Hospital, regarding the potential for a Urgent Health Care facility in Douglas, for use of are area citizens. The Chairman of the board of directors had also discussed this issue with the then current CEO of Holland Hospital.

The conclusion of these discussions resulted in that the reason the Saugatuck/Douglas area doesn't have a hospital, or Urgent Care facility is because the area isn't large enough in population to justify the cost associated with opening a facility of this nature. Additionally Holland Hospital is approximately a 12-14 minute drive from the Saugatuck/Douglas area, which is closer than parts of the City of Holland are to their own hospital.

Thank you,

Matt Balmer

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