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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Brandon Islamic Centre Inc.'s application to the Keystone Planning District to develop a Place of Worship, Community Centre, and potential daycare facility.

The Brandon Islamic Centre Inc., through its representative Dr. Muhammad Abidullah, has actively engaged with the Brandon Clinic in recent years. Their organization has been instrumental in helping us recruit three family physicians and has also forwarded resumes of other promising candidates. Collectively, these three physicians have enrolled over 4,200 patients from the Family Doctor Finder waitlist.

Recruiting physicians to rural Manitoba has long been a challenge. The Centre has played a vital role not only in screening and sharing resumes, but also in promoting Brandon and the surrounding area as a welcoming place to live and work. Dr. Abidullah has supported candidates through the CPSM registration process and acted as an ambassador for our community.

The Brandon Clinic Medical Corporation is recognized as an "Approved Employer" by Economic Development Brandon, with access to Immigration Labour Services under the following programs:

- Brandon Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program Immigration Initiative
- Brandon Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

A key condition for these programs is the employer's ability to retain physicians. Retention is closely tied to how welcome and supported candidates feel within the community. The proposed facility will enhance the appeal of Brandon by providing a central place for worship, community connection, and child care. A community centre and daycare would offer much-needed support to parents, allowing them to focus on their work with peace of mind.

The Brandon Clinic Medical Corporation fully supports this project. We also support the extension of City of Brandon water and sewer services to the proposed site, whether through an intermunicipal agreement or annexation into the City. These services would ensure adequate infrastructure for the safety of children and families using the facility, including appropriate water supply for sprinklers and on-site fire hydrant coverage.

Sincerely,

Mr. Darcy Bell, CPA, CGA

Chief Executive Officer

Brandon Clinic Medical Corporation