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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Subject: Project #: 10-090 – Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you in my capacity as President and Chief Executive Officer of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois to support the approval of Centegra Health System's Certificate of Need for a new hospital in Huntley.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is the largest provider of hospice and palliative care services in our region, which encompasses Boone, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties. Our agency has provided quality end-of-life care to area residents for 27 years and has developed one of the largest grief support programs in the State of Illinois. Several years ago, we partnered with Centegra in the development of an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock to provide end-of-life care to clients for whom hospice care at home is not an option. Centegra's commitment to all aspects of the healthcare continuum for the residents of McHenry County was key in the decision-making process for that partnership, and the decision to build a new hospital in Huntley underscores that commitment.

I fully support the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's approval of this Certificate of Need. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will benefit our clients and their families by improving access to quality healthcare. Our support of this project is also in harmony with our mission to enhance life by providing dignified, compassionate care and guidance to those coping with loss and the end of life.

Sincerely,

Cindy Musikantow  
President and CEO  
Hospice and Palliative Care for Northeastern Illinois  
Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care  
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525 W. Jefferson  
2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to show my support for Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project No. 10-090.

During my past position as Chief of Cook County Bureau of Health Services and tenure as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand some of the finest healthcare organizations in the nation, including Centegra Health System. Centegra has demonstrated its commitment to the community time and again and its proposal to construct a new hospital in Huntley is only the latest example of that commitment. This project would bring tremendous benefits for McHenry County, Illinois, and in particular, Huntley, Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Crystal Lake and Lakewood.

Based upon my knowledge of Centegra Health System and the project it is proposing, I believe that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board should approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need. I urge you to approve this project and to give southern McHenry County an economic boost, and more importantly – to give residents of this area the improved access to care that they need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth M. Rothstein".

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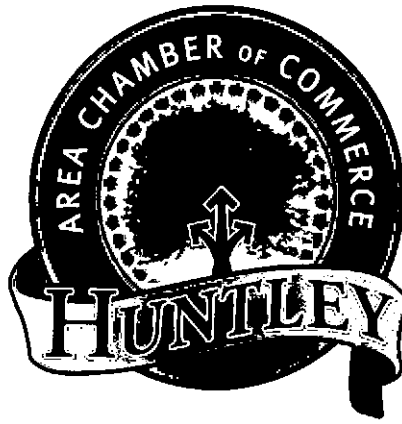
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Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Letter of Support for Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. The fact is, hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides. Centegra has long been committed to Huntley and the surrounding communities through outpatient services and other health services that have already been brought to the area. Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site.

I personally appreciate that, along with needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the southern McHenry County area. Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely;

Dave Veath

Chairman, Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce

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**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. The need for a full-service hospital in this area is clear. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Signature: Samuel Biber

Printed Name: Samuel Biber, Administrator

Address: 309 McHENRY AVE

City, St, Zip: WOODSTOCK IL 60098

Date: 1/24/11



# McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce

February 3, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter serves to confirm my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. The fact is hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System well as the flagship hospital rests in my community, McHenry. I am fully aware that Centegra will provide quality health care including outpatient and other services to the community of Huntley as it has done for the City of McHenry and its neighbors.

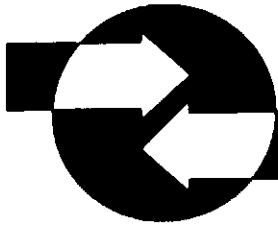
Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site. Centegra will fulfill this goal with great diligence as it has fulfilled other goals before. Huntley is a fortunate community to have a health care system the quality of Centegra build in the community.

I am excited that, along with needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Signature Kay R. Bates Date 2-3-2011  
Printed Name Kay R. Bates  
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## TURNING POINT

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February 8, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Springfield, Illinois 62761  
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I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra Health System has long been a valued partner for Turning Point through our collaboration with the McHenry County Crisis Line, and their team that serves victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Centegra Health System contacts Turning Point when victims of domestic violence come through emergency rooms or are receiving hospital services. We depend upon the staff of Centegra Health System as they help us to fulfill our mission to **confront violence against women and children in McHenry County.**

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Jane Ann Farmer  
Executive Director

**Project # 10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Mary Anne Weltch. I am the Development Director of Turning Point, the comprehensive domestic violence agency and shelter for McHenry County.

I am here this afternoon to express Turning Point's support of the proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Turning Point has partnered with Centegra for many years to provide life-saving services to residents in our County experiencing domestic violence crisis. The team of crisis workers at Centegra work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, just as our advocates do to connect victims to us so we can intervene and appropriately respond to the crisis. Domestic violence always carries with it the risk of lethality. Thirty-six percent women who go to the emergency room do so because of domestic violence. It is the leading reason why women need emergency care. It is more prevalent than car accidents, muggings or rapes by a stranger combined. Centegra's dedicated staff understands these facts just as we do, so they call us to come to the emergency room or to the hospital when patients come in following domestic violence injury. In short, we depend on the staff at Centegra to help us serve victims.

There is a pressing need to expand hospital services to the southern part of our county. Our past experience with Centegra offers the promise of excellent service with confidential, compassionate care.

Turning Point is very pleased with the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley. We look forward to Centegra's expansion helping us to reach even more women and children in domestic violence crisis.

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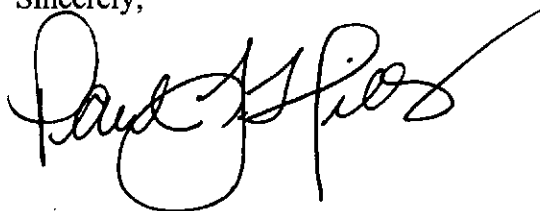
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I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

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I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

(Additional thoughts may be shared on the lines below.)

This project will also provide badly needed  
employment opportunities to the area.  
Additionally, as an assistant professor in a  
health careers program at Harper College in Palatine  
an additional hospital will allow for placement  
of more students into clinical internships.

Sincerely,

Signature: Mary W. Hood

Printed Name: Mary W. Hood

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Date: 2.9.11