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To the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for Mercy Health Systems proposed Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital and Medical Center project to be located at the intersection of Route 31 and Three Oaks Road. I believe Mercy's new medical center will provide better access to healthcare service. The Route 31 and Three Oaks Road location could not make a better location for a hospital. It will give Emergency Medical Services Providers a direct route where they can transport to the care they need.

Presently, the closest hospital for Crystal Lake residents to access is seven miles from Crystal Lake on Route 31 in Mchenry, known as Northern Illinois medical center. If you have ever been to this campus its overcrowded, with long wait times in the ER, and its nearly impassible to find a parking spot. Seven miles may seem like a short distance from Crystal Lake, but it could take up to 25 minutes in traffic to get to the hospital. It might be seven miles too far for Crystal Lake residents. Therefore, by adding the new Mercy Medical Center Crystal Lake it will cut the travel time in half for Emergency Medical Services providers and Crystal Lake residents who need access to a hospital. In result, this could save more lives and lead to better care, within reach.

I kindly request that you approve the requested Certificate of Need for the Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital and Medical Center to expand the healthcare options available to local community members like myself. I believe the project is both necessary and in the best interest of our community.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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