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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support Memorial Hospital East
Project #11-017

Dear Ms Avery,

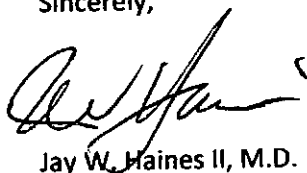
This letter is written in support of Memorial Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need for Project #11-017. Lincoln Surgical Associates, LTD is a group of eight General Surgeons who have been practicing in Belleville for over 30 years. The partners in this group have seen the population grow into the surrounding areas creating a demand for better access to health care. Memorial has had an outpatient presence in the O'Fallon/Shiloh area since 1998, but there is now a demand for inpatient facilities. We have noticed an outmigration of patients from those areas to St. Louis and believe an inpatient facility would keep those patients in Illinois.

We have also found that our patients want private rooms and are willing to travel great distances for their health care for this service. It will also allow for better infection control which is a great concern in surgical patients. These patients also have improved satisfaction with their health care when in private rooms, which benefits everyone.

Lincoln Surgical Associates plans on maintaining their current practice plan. We take care of all patients including uninsured, Medicaid and Medicare patients. Like Memorial Hospital, we plan on continuing this practice as well as maintaining our home base in Belleville. We will expand our services to include O'Fallon and Shiloh if Project #11-017 is approved.

We hope you support Memorial Hospital - East because it will benefit all involved, especially the patients.

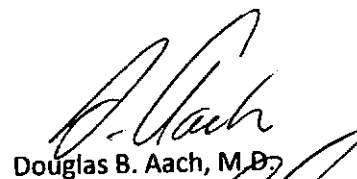
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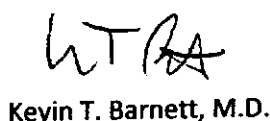
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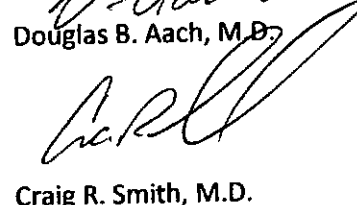
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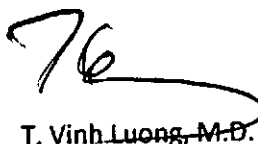
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