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

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as Lindenwood University-Belleville's wholehearted support for the expansion of Memorial Hospital into Shiloh, a flourishing community where population growth and the demand for convenient care are dramatically on the rise. As a trusted partner of Lindenwood-Belleville and an active participant in the community, Memorial Hospital has been a faithful sponsor of our University and is dedicated to the area residents it serves.

From my perspective as an education administrator, I would be grateful for the expanded services that Memorial Hospital-East would offer Lindenwood-Belleville students. With another facility close to campus, our students would have greater access to quality medical care, as well as a new source of research, internship, and job opportunities. As our biology and pre-nursing programs grow and attract more students, we look to Memorial as a resource for quality real-world experience.

Since 1998, Memorial has served the O'Fallon/Shiloh area with multiple outpatient facilities, building upon the trust patients have in the quality care and attention. It is comforting to know that the same excellent medical care and genuine concern for patients that the staff at Memorial exhibit on a daily basis would be available to more people through a satellite facility. As areas such as Scott Air Force Base and a new Boeing facility in Mascoutah expand, Memorial Hospital-East will be a great asset to southern St. Clair County.

Thank you for considering Lindenwood-Belleville's eager endorsement of a new Shiloh facility for Memorial Hospital.

Sincerely,



Jerry M. Bladdick
Vice President and CAO
Lindenwood University-Belleville

cc: Mr. Mark Turner, President and CEO, Memorial Hospital