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August 8, 2011
Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Project Number: 11-047

Dear Ms. Avery,

As the executive director of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, I'm writing on behalf of the board of directors in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Resurrection Health Care institutions that serve Park Ridge, including Resurrection Medical Center, are a vital part of the business and healthcare community that makes our city a wonderful place to live and to work. Resurrection Health Care facilities provide access to high quality care for families throughout our city and Chicagoland and serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

A combined Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health will better position the new system's hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient centers and other programs and facilities to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to those facilities and programs for care. This system merger will help preserve access to quality, community-based health care; improve financial viability; improve patient, employee, and medical staff satisfaction through a shared culture and integrated leadership; and position the combined system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

We fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring this hospital into the new system formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

Gail Haller
Executive Director
Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce