

September 1, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator

Dan Kotowski

STATE SENATOR 33rd DISTRICT Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Springfield, IL 62761

525 West Jefferson

Project Number: 11-052

Dear Ms. Avery,

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I am the state senator for the 33rd District. Many of my constituents are served by Resurrection's Holy Family Medical Center and their outpatient and immediate care services. Resurrection Health Care is a key employer and health care provider in our community. They are Des Plaines second largest employer and have a significant economic impact on our community. Holy Family Medical Center has served Des Plaines for over 50 years. .

Resurrection Health Care hospitals have provided access to high quality care for my constituents 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, communitybased 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.

I 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,

Dan Kotowski State Senator 33rd District

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