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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph's Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support regarding St. Joseph's Hospital's Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital facility in Highland, IL.

Since 1878, St. Joseph's Hospital has served the Highland area by continuing their commitment to care for the sick, poor and needy as a healing ministry of Jesus Christ established by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. Just as the health care needs of local residents continuously change, St. Joseph's Hospital must be prepared to offer the necessary health care services to sustain the health and well-being of present and future generations.

The new St. Joseph's Hospital is designed and will be equipped to offer an extraordinary health care experience by providing:

- Convenience to the patients, including accessible and ample parking
- Privacy
- An Emergency Department with state of the art technology and easy access
- A healing environment for patients and their families
- The newest high-tech medical equipment and advanced technology throughout the hospital
- Continued family services with an increased emphasis on women and children services

Over the past three decades I have served several different terms as a member of the St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Council. I am familiar with the services of St. Joseph's Hospital and with the needs of this community. I can assure you that our community needs and the community residents want St. Joseph's Hospital to continue providing excellent services in a modern facility with state of the art technology.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Johannes

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