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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 for the approval of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application to permit construction of a replacement facility in Highland, IL. By allowing St. Joseph’s Hospital to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital, new technologies, easier access to services and greater convenience will enhance the lives of many throughout the local area.

As Saline Township Supervisor, I appreciate all the hospital does not only for the residents of my township, but for residents throughout the southwest portion of Madison County and other regions that St. Joseph’s Hospital serves. St. Joseph’s Hospital is a leader when it comes to improving our quality of life. Therefore, it is critical that the hospital is allowed to build a replacement facility in order to meet the increased demand for high quality health care services.

Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has been vital to sustaining the long term health of the local region. The new replacement hospital will provide health care in a more efficient manner in an environment that makes not only the patient, but also their loved ones feel like they can relax and possibly enjoy a quicker healing process – with the overall goal of being able to go home sooner.

On behalf of the residents of Saline Township, we are extremely grateful to have a health care organization with the reputation that St. Joseph’s Hospital has and respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Curtis Messerli'.

Curtis Messerli

Supervisor, Saline Township



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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. Although the hospital has made improvements to its current 64-year old building as it stands today, the current facility lacks the ability to meet future healthcare reform and service requirements.

The driving force behind the proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital is highlighted by six (6) core principles – all designed to provide an extraordinary health care experience:

- Convenience to the patients, including accessible and ample parking
- An Emergency Department with state of the art technology and easy access
- Creating 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

Most of all, the proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital will positively affect the health and well-being of future generations of local residents in an even more profound way than the hospital has in its first 133 years of existence.

As Chairman of the Friends of St. Joseph’s Hospital Board of Directors, I have had a lengthy relationship with the hospital, its past and present leadership, and members of the community who support the hospital’s mission. As a business person, I know first hand the importance of a Hospital to the community. We need this new facility to help Highland remain a community where people want to live and raise a family.

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

Respectfully,

Wayne P. Steiner  
Senior Vice President

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