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

Re: Project 15-021 Saint Anthony Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the President and CEO of one of the largest single specialty medical groups in the Northern Illinois area. Rockford Anesthesiologists Associated, LLC employs over 45 physicians, 65 nurse anesthetists and 120 staff members.

We, as a group, speak in the unanimous support of the application of Saint Anthony Medical Center for its Project 15-021. This new project will provide a markedly improved patient care experience and increase the efficiency of care at Saint Anthony Medical Center. The fact that the patient experience will be improved is paramount as is the quality and the expediency of care that will improve our much needed and our current health delivery environment.

All private rooms will enhance patient's privacy, allow for HIPAA concerns as well as all patients will have their own private shower and toilet facilities in their room that is easily accessible and consistent with current ADA standards. The private rooms will be much larger and will allow for the improvement of hi-tech equipment to be installed that currently either does not fit or cannot be retrofitted in the current health care environment. Additionally, the privacy will allow for many more open and frank discussions with patients and family members so that their roommate does not hear confidential or sensitive information.

The construction of a prompt care facility will allow the emergency room, which is extremely busy, to be significantly decompressed as Saint Anthony is a Level 1 Trauma Center. Minor emergencies often times delay the delivery of care in the emergency room producing extremely long waits when critical patients are admitted because of visits that could be seen in a less high acuity environment.

This project will be a boon to the construction trades in our area as this is going to result in all new construction and will provide numerous jobs as well as health care benefits and make our community truly stronger. OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center has been a leader in the health

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care community and our group strongly supports and wishes this project to proceed in a most expeditious fashion.

As a staff physician on staff at many hospitals, Saint Anthony has taken care of all of my family members at one time or another and is truly dedicated to the community and the patients that it serves.

I urge you to expedite the approval of this review so that the people in Northern Illinois can continue to have access to the most desirable and cutting edge health care as anywhere else in the State of Illinois.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Stephen Minore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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