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Dear Mr. Constantino:

Please find the enclosed letter of support for Vista Medical Center East Project: 15-026.

Please feel free to call or contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely Barbara J. Martin

President and CEO

Cc: Clare C. Ranalli

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May 28, 2015

#### Dear Members of the Illinois Facilities & Services Review Board:

I have been a member of the Medical Staff at Vista Health System for many years. I have seen a great number of changes for the better - a new ICU, new Progressive Care Unit, new Wound Care Center, new Obstetrics Unit, and new Same-Day Surgery Center – and more. I am very excited to learn that Vista is proposing to do major renovations throughout the hospital and convert all remaining semi-private rooms to private rooms.

This is the same standard that applies to all new hospitals, and Vista is willing and able to create the same amenities in its existing hospital. Physicians like myself, along with everyone who is on our clinical team, are very excited to see this move forward. I can't imagine any possible reasons for there to be objections to this proposal since the end result will be nothing but 100 percent positive for our patients, staff and the community at large.

Thank you for your consideration, and I wholeheartedly ask you to support this plan.

Sincerely Mariusz Milejczyk M.D.

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# Scheer Surgical, S.C.

General Surgery

June 9, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

We are writing to enthusiastically lend our support for Vista Health System's proposal to renovate Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan by converting all remaining semi-private rooms to private rooms. This will help all of the physicians and our entire clinical staff as we work to provide the best possible care for our patients.

We know that having private rooms is the standard for all new hospital construction, and now Vista is willing to make a major investment in renovating its primary hospital to meet that same standard. Vista has been a vital part of the community in Lake County for well over 100 years. We believe it is absolutely essential that we do everything possible to support Vista in continuing to provide essential services to so many people who live and work in the area.

This is a comprehensive and well-though out plan that will only serve to improve the facility and enhance the care that our patients receive while they are there. We are confident you will recognize this fact and vote in favor of this proposed development.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Scheer, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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May 22, 2015

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Paul N. Strohmayer, MD Aaron M. Siegel, MD Laurence F. Gibson, MD

May 15, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I would like to offer my strong support for Vista Health System's proposal to convert to allprivate rooms at Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan. Vista Health System has demonstrated its commitment to the community over the years, and this renovation will be a welcome enhancement to the facility.

In recent years Vista already has converted several units from semi-private to private, and this will allow the hospital to complete that process. Our patients, their families and visitors will greatly appreciate the conversion to private rooms. At the same time, this will be a major benefit to our physicians, nurses and technicians in providing the highest level of care to our patients.

I can say with full confidence that converting to private rooms is universally supported by the physician staff at Vista Health System. I urge you to approve Vista's plan to move forward with this project so that it can get underway as soon as possible.

Aaron Siegel, M.D.



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