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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
69 W. Washington, Suite 3501
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: Technical Assistance Question
Interstate Alliance, Inc. (n/k/a MercyRockford
Health System Corporation)
Potential Reorganization

Dear Ms. Avery:

It was a pleasure meeting you Monday morning, and I appreciate the time that your staff took to meet with Jack Axel and me.

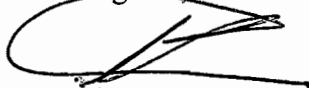
The purpose of this letter is to seek confirmation that the contemplated reorganization of MercyRockford Health System Corporation ("MercyRockford") presented to Mr. Morado, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Constantino, and Mr. Roate will not require action by or the approval of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("HFSRB").

The attached organizational chart, which was included in Certificate of Exemption applications E-038-14 and E-039-14, approved by the HFSRB on November 16, 2014 (the "COE Applications"), was referenced during our meeting to describe a limited reorganization to your staff. Specifically, MercyRockford (Interstate Alliance, Inc. in the org chart) is contemplating the consolidation of Mercy Alliance, Inc. ("MAI") and Rockford Health System ("RHS") into MercyRockford. As noted in the System Formation Agreement provided with the COE Applications, the intent was to combine Mercy and RHS into one unified system. This proposed action is consistent with that goal. Further, "control," (per the HFSRB's definition) of the licensed health care facilities, Rockford Memorial Hospital and Mercy Harvard Hospital, Inc., is currently and will continue to be held by MercyRockford. The MAI and RHS entities would cease to exist upon completion of consolidation actions.

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MercyRockford's position is that the limited actions described above do not require any HFSRB action of approval. With this letter, I respectfully request your confirmation of our position.

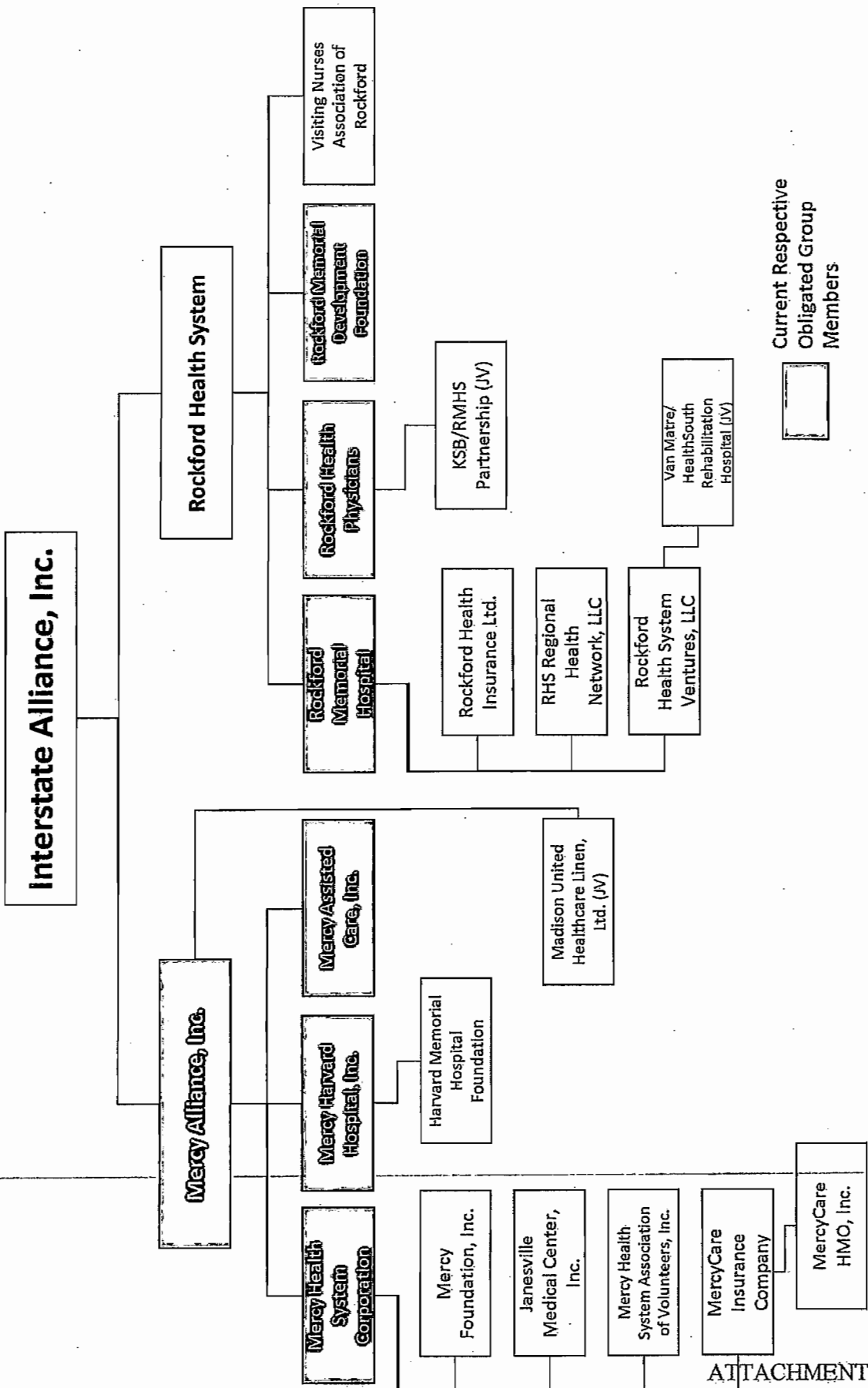
Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Van Den Heuvel', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Paul Van Den Heuvel
Vice President and General Counsel

Attachment

cc: J. Morado, Jr. – Chicago, IL
J. Mitchell – Chicago, IL
M. Constantino – Springfield, IL
G. Roate – Springfield, IL



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