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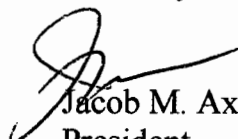
RE: MercyRockford Health System  
Projects 15-038, 15-039, and 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please post the enclosed letter as a letter of support for the three above-referenced projects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Jacob M. Axel  
President

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September 17, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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**Re: Support for MercyRockford Health System – Project Numbers: 15-038, 15-039, 15-040**

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is submitted in support of MercyRockford Health System's three applications.

As Illinois State Senator for the 45<sup>th</sup> District, I represent communities in all or part of Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. I am strongly supportive of the MercyRockford Health System applications that have been filed with your agency. The necessary development of the current N. Rockton Avenue campus and establishing a state-of-the-art hospital campus, with a focus on critical care, on E. Riverside Blvd. and I-90 will strengthen access to care for my constituents.

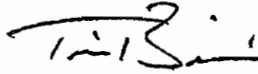
The regional hospitals located in the communities I serve provide excellent care management and rely on access to highly specialized intensive care provided by Rockford Memorial Hospital – including our region's only Level III neonatal intensive care unit, high-risk maternity unit, and pediatric critical care unit. The plans for the Women's and Children's Hospital on the E. Riverside Blvd. campus will update those facilities to today's standards and enhance the care provided to the region.

With my background in law enforcement, including 20 years as Lee County Sheriff, I also support the plans to continue comprehensive emergency services on N. Rockton Ave. and the establishment of the Level 1 Trauma Center at E. Riverside Blvd., with its convenient access to the region via Interstate Highway 90.

In a time of significant changes in our health care services as a result of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, I am confident that this new proposed facility will enhance the regional healthcare services that my constituents rely on.

Thank you for your consideration of my support.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Bivins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Bivins  
State Senator, 45<sup>th</sup> District