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Tenth Ward Alderman
Elected Official, Rockford City Council

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for MercyRockford Health System -- Project Numbers: 15-038, 15-039, 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

For more than 30 years, I have had the honor to serve as an alderman in Rockford. I love my city, and work very hard to learn and understand the key issues and opportunities. When I learned about MercyRockford Health System's intention to create an East Riverside Boulevard Campus, while also continuing to maintain the North Rockton Avenue Campus, I was enthusiastically sold on the positive impact this will have on Rockford and the surrounding region.

I would encourage the creation of the East Riverside Boulevard Campus, especially the Women's and Children's Hospital. I understand the purpose of this facility is to serve the high-risk maternity, neonatal intensive care, and pediatric critical care population in a 15 county region. Logic would suggest this campus will enhance regional access to these crucial services. It may also be beneficial for our local economy, MercyRockford begin serving patients and their families who live outside of the Greater Rockford area.

As a life-long Rockfordian, I fully understand the important role Rockford Memorial Hospital has played in our west corridor. It is vitally important that you retain residency on Rockton Road. This west side campus serves many residents that rely solely on this healthcare facility to provide for their medical needs. It is an anchor of stability on the west side of our city.

Thank you MercyRockford Health System for vowing to provide significant space for the west side Rockford community needs and development. This space is the importance to train and educate our youth and serve our constituents. By maintaining the Rockton Avenue hospital, and by promising to make significant yearly investments on its vitality, I am assured that two campuses of one hospital will be welcome and beneficial to Rockford and the greater Rockford region.

Warmest regards,

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