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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Opposition to application #15-038; #15-039; #15-040

Dear Ms. Avery,

As an employee of OSF Saint Anthony, I feel as though I have a special appreciation for the need for a healthcare provider to support its community. I believe that MercyRockford's proposal does not respect that need, so I am opposed to it.

OSF Saint Anthony has made a commitment to Rockford's East Side for many years. We are renovating our campus to better serve our neighbors with state-of-the-art medical procedures. I understand that such a renovation can be expensive, but when you consider what's on the line—the health of the community—the expense is clearly worth it.

That's why MercyRockford's argument that it must move services to the East Side and expand its presence there fails to hold up. By investing the money it plans to spend on an East Side expansion into its existing campus on the West Side, MercyRockford can help the area in so many ways.

MercyRockford has the same obligation that OSF and SwedishAmerican have for the communities they serve: to improve the health of the individuals in the community, and to invest in the community as a whole.

I respectfully ask the Board to hold MercyRockford to that obligation and reject the proposal.

Regards,

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