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October 5, 2015

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

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please post the enclosed letters as letters of support for the projects referenced in the respective letters.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jacob M. Axel
President

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September 25, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery

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Services Review Board

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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

As someone who was born and raised in Rockford and is currently an active member of the community, I wish to express my support for the addition of a MercyRockford campus on Riverside Blvd near I-90. Our region will benefit greatly from a campus that will provide a broad continuum of care in the stateline area for Illinois residents as well as a convenient location for our neighbors in southern Wisconsin. It would be a point of pride for our community to be a destination our neighbors turn to for quality care.

Support of the development of a new campus recognizes the reality that MercyRockford is physically limited in its capacity to build on its current site. However, MercyRockford's commitment to retain quality care on the west side of Rockford is an equally exciting component to this project proposal. Services maintained on Rockford's west side include a comprehensive emergency department, a state-of-the art Cancer Center, 94 adult inpatient hospital beds, a Convenient Care Walk-In Clinic, outpatient behavioral health services, and more.

I thank you for your consideration of this project which provides opportunities for the expansion of care in Rockford while maintaining services where they continue to be needed.

Sincerely,

Kristina Reuber
Executive Director

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