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

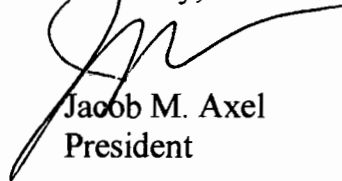
RE: MercyRockford Health System
Projects 15-038, 15-039, and 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jacob M. Axel
President

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Paul Anthony Arco and I am a volunteer for Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center in Rockford. In 2008, I was diagnosed with stage two testicular cancer. During my cancer journey I was fortunate to receive a majority of my cancer treatment locally. Now cancer free, I'm passionate about helping others who are facing their own cancer diagnosis.

I am a founding board member of Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center, a free-standing, nonprofit organization dedicated to offering programs and services at no cost to cancer survivors and their loved ones. Healing Pathways offers clients a range of programs, including support groups, nutrition and exercise programs, a resource library and more. Healing Pathways helps nearly 2,000 survivors annually, from Winnebago, Boone, Ogle and Stephenson counties.

Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center is greatly appreciative of MercyRockford Health System and its unwavering support of our organization. For several years, MercyRockford has been a major sponsor of Healing Pathway's two largest fundraisers – the Bow Tie March and 5K Run, and the Go Nuts! Golf Play Day. The goal of these two events is raise to awareness of men's cancer and much-needed funds for Healing Pathways. Our success wouldn't be possible without MercyRockford's willingness to take the lead on these special events.

I commend MercyRockford Health System for its commitment to quality cancer care. I support MercyRockford's plans for "one hospital on two campuses" and for maintaining its west-side campus in its current location. Earlier this year, the health system completed a \$7 million project on its N. Rockton Avenue campus to provide a state-of-the-art radiation therapy treatment of cancer patients, which included the addition of a TruBeam linear accelerator. This enhancement will help cancer patients from throughout the region.

I am excited for the future in local healthcare, thanks, in part, to MercyRockford's excellent vision. Thank you for your consideration of my support for MercyRockford Health System.

Sincerely,



Paul Anthony Arco

Volunteer, Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center

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