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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.

My name is Arles Hendershott Love, a longtime resident of Rockford's northwest side, and I have been involved with many nonprofit organizations serving the area's most vulnerable citizens for over 30 years.

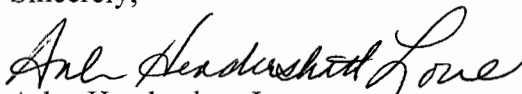
I have seen the medical needs of this community, esp. for Rockford's west side, and as a result I strongly support MercyRockford's applications that have been filed with your agency. The necessary development of the Rockton Avenue campus and the Riverside campus will strengthen access to care for everyone in the community and region. The plans will allow residents of the west side of Rockford to be able to access necessary and critical medical services. This plan, while proposing new services at the Riverside Boulevard site, demonstrates MercyRockford's continued commitment to the continuing these necessary services on the west side.

I am pleased that this plan proposes the introduction of modern facilities designed to accommodate state-of-the-art technologies, without forgetting and abandoning their old patient base who call the west side of Rockford home. I know that keeping pace with medical technological advances is essential to stop out-migration for healthcare services. Rockford Memorial's neonatal, high-risk maternity, and pediatric intensive care services are essential – not only to Rockford – but to all of northwestern Illinois.

At a time in which many organizations and businesses are choosing to exit Illinois or postpone investments in our State, I am very happy that MercyRockford has chosen to "put their money where their mouth is" and invest in Rockford and Illinois.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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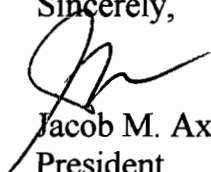
RE: MercyRockford Health System  
Projects 15-038, 15-039, and 15-040

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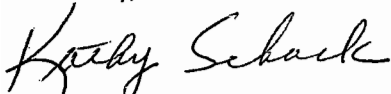
Re: MercyRockford Health System Projects  
Projects 15-038, 15-039, and 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

I have been honored to be associated with Mercy Harvard Hospital for a number of years. We are pleased to endorse the three MercyRockford Health System Projects enumerated above. Their choice to develop an innovative "one hospital, two campuses" plan will help insure accessibility of services at both the existing westside Rockton Avenue campus, as well as at the new Riverside campus. It certainly reflects their commitment to our entire region.

Their investment reflects upon their commitment to Winnebago county as well as the State of Illinois. It is both an investment in improved health care access as well as an injection of significant new capital dollars into the region. With this investment comes new jobs for both construction and operations that are so needed in the area.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Schack