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Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

Memorial Hospital has petitioned the Illinois Health Facilities Review Board to approve a medical office building to be located on its new hospital campus in neighboring Shiloh, Illinois. Please register my support for this project.

Both my community—O'Fallon, Illinois— and Shiloh next door are among the most rapidly growing cities in our metropolitan area. The healthcare need is great and the access provided by our highway system has positioned both of our towns to continue to see growth for many years to come. Already, since its opening in mid-April, the Shiloh hospital has seen over 1,000 admissions and delivered 300 babies. Over 6,000 patients have been treated at the hospital's emergency room.

A medical office building is a basic component of any hospital. And this medical office building will provide shared space for rotating specialists from the highly regarded Washington University School of Medicine. Currently, these patients are leaving our area to travel to Missouri. The proposed medical office building will bring those patients back, shortening their travel time and retaining their medical spending.

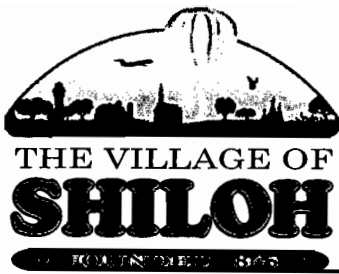
Please pass on to the Review Board my support for this project.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary L. Graham".

Gary L. Graham
Mayor

cc: Mark Turner, Memorial Hospital in Belleville



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Dear Ms. Avery:

Memorial Hospital would like to add doctors' office space to its new hospital campus here in Shiloh, Illinois. They have applied to your Board for approval of this project. Please register my strong support for this medical office building.

Since its opening in mid-April, the new hospital has proven itself to be a much needed community resource, surpassing 1,100 admissions this week. Almost 300 babies have been born at the hospital and well over 6,000 patients have been treated at the Memorial-East emergency room. The community has embraced this new facility.

For too long our area has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on medical care in Missouri. Our new hospital is bringing many of those dollars back to Illinois. The proposed medical office building will help increase this return of patients and their spending because rotating specialists from the well-respected Washington University School of Medicine will share time in the building. These types of visits are currently crossing the Mississippi. The proposed office building will spare patients those trips and will keep our dollars in Illinois.

The Shiloh Planning Commission has unanimously approved the proposed office building and our Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved it at our August 1st meeting. We respectfully ask for your approval, too.

Best Regards,

James A. Vernier, II
Mayor

cc: Mark Turner, Memorial Hospital in Belleville