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July 27, 2016

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 seeks approval from the Illinois Health Facilities Review Board to add a medical office building to its new hospital campus in Shiloh, Illinois. I would like to add my voice to the list of officials supporting this project.

Doctors are more efficient when they are located near the hospitals they serve. The Shiloh campus is performing well and needs this space. A special advantage to this project is its ability to allow patients to remain in Illinois while receiving care from the highly regarded doctors at the Washington University School of Medicine. There will be space in the new building devoted to housing rotating visits by Washington University specialists.

Currently, these patients travel to Missouri for care. The proposed medical office building will bring those patients back, shortening their travel time and retaining their medical spending.

Please convey my support for this project to the Illinois Health Facilities Review Board.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Kern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Kern, Chairman
St. Clair County Board

cc: Mark Turner, Memorial Hospital - Belleville