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**MICHAEL E. HASTINGS**  
ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR  
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March 9, 2016

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

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Dear Ms. Avery,

Please accept this letter as an indication of my support of Franciscan St. James Health's proposed reorganization plan of its Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields campuses.

I have spoken with constituents as well as representatives of Franciscan St. James Health and agree that this is a necessary move for our community. When it comes down to it, the reorganization plan will revitalize healthcare in the Southland due to increases in efficiency and sustainability. I am confident that by providing primary, preventive, and urgent care all under the same roof, our community will see enhanced healthcare benefits for years to come.

As the Senator of the 19th District, I am very familiar with the healthcare needs of this region. That is why I truly believe that the proposed plan, which aims for expansion, improvement and development, will better equip St. James to fulfill the essential services demanded in 21<sup>st</sup> century healthcare.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Hastings".

Michael E. Hastings  
Senator, 19th District