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Washington, DC 20510-1304

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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AND ADMINISTRATION

Project No. 17-019

December 8, 2017

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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital Revised Modernization CON
Application (Project No. 17-019)

Dear Ms. Avery:

We write to share our continued enthusiastic support for the CON application of SwedishAmerican Hospital referenced above. With a reduced project cost and further reduction of the facility's pediatric beds, the modified project addresses the important goals of providing cost-effective, modern health care facilities to the people of Illinois while still bringing \$126 million in project spending that will itself benefit the greater Rockford area.

SwedishAmerican Hospital has been a vital part of the greater Rockford area for more than 106 years, and this proposed modernization is critically needed to allow this venerable institution to continue its track record of excellent service for another century. This project will help assure availability of quality health care throughout the entire Rockford area, including accessibility of first-rate health care services to the medically underserved and indigent. SwedishAmerican Hospital is located within, and serves those who reside in, a federally designated medically underserved region.

We understand no public hearing was requested on the modification to the project and, to date, no opposition has been posted to the modified application since its submission to the Review Board over two months ago. Throughout this long application process, which commenced back in April, numerous elected officials and organizations have formally submitted written comments in support of this CON application, including nearly every acute care facility in the region. The following list of formal supporters reflects the overwhelming support and need for this modernization project:

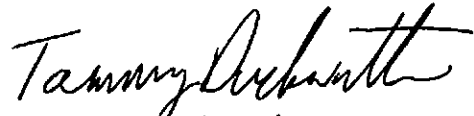
- U.S. Congresswoman Cheri Bustos
- U.S. Congressmen Adam Kinzinger, Peter Roskam, and Randy Hultgren
- State Senator Steve Stadelman
- State Representative John Cabello
- State Representative Joe Sosnowski
- State Representative Litesa Wallace
- Winnebago County Board Chairman Frank Haney
- Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara
- Former Rockford Mayor Lawrence Morrissey
- Rockford Alderman Venita Hervey (5th Ward)
- Rockford Alderman Jonathan Logemann (2nd Ward)
- Winnebago County Health Department Public Health Administrator Sandra Martell
- OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center President Paula Carynski
- Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital President/CEO David Schreiner
- FHN President/CEO Mark Gridley
- Beloit Health System President/CEO Timothy McKeveitt
- Rockford Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Einar Forsman
- Northwestern Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council President Brad Long
- Rockford Ministers' Fellowship
- Rockford-area clergy
- Transform Rockford Executive Director Mike Schablaske
- Rockford Register Star Editorial Board
- Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO John Groh
- Emily & Mark Christensen, SwedishAmerican patients
- Rockford Area Economic Development Council President/CEO Nathan Bryant
- OrthoIllinois CEO Don Schreiner

We understand SwedishAmerican Hospital's modified CON application comes before the Review Board on its meeting scheduled for January 9, 2018 and we most fervently hope that this deserving and needed project receives the utmost consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senator



Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Senator

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ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
STEVE STADELMAN
STATE SENATOR • 34TH DISTRICT

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*Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's Revised Modernization CON
Application (Project No. 17-019)*

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I have previously expressed my support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and I am writing now to very strongly reiterate my endorsement of this important and needed project. The modernization will benefit greater Rockford and improve access to the most advanced health care services in the region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Stadelman".

Steve Stadelman
Illinois Senator, 34th District

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JOE SOSNOWSKI
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
69TH DISTRICT

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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and I continue to very strongly reiterate my support for this important project. This modernization strategy will better facilitate patient care by creating a new four story Women's and Children's health center, and by converting all patient rooms in the existing facility to private rooms.

The total GSF for the facility will be 215,634, which includes the new 115,000 square foot Women's and Children's Center. The projected cost is estimated at \$126 million. This project will benefit the greater Rockford area by generating 600 trade jobs during construction, as well as dozens of additional new health care job opportunities upon completion. The modernization of the existing facilities and the construction of a new Women's and Children's Health Center will provide critical modern health care services for the Rockford region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe S" followed by a horizontal line.

Joe Sosnowski
State Representative
69th District

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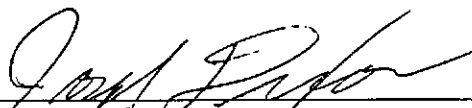
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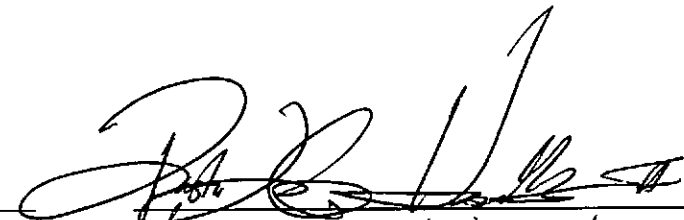
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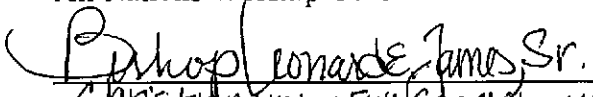
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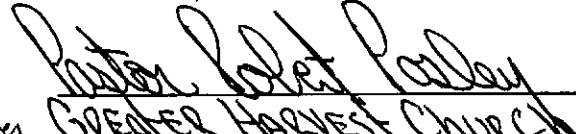
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Respectfully submitted,

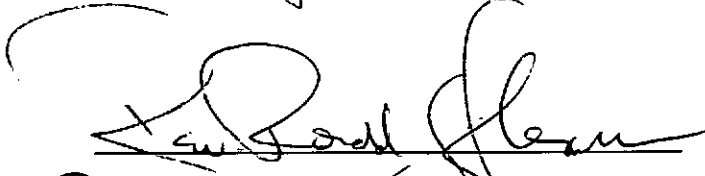

Pastor Joseph Dixon
Senior Pastor and Founder
All Nations Worship Center



Second Christian Church
Pastor L. G. Hamilton II


BISHOP LEONARD E. JAMES, SR.
Christian Union Full Gospel Church Ministries


GREATER HARVEST CHURCH
Pastor James Fambro
Christian Growth Center (Rockford)

Rev. Anthony Lwin - Progressive
M.I.S. Church
Rockford


Rev. Ronald G. Alexander
Hope Fellowship Church


Rev. Omer L. Francis
Spirit of Truth Church

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Tiffany Staman
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Grassroots Church

Johnnie R. Jones
Johnnie R. Jones
Providence M.B. Church

Ronald Miller
RONALD MILLER
Living Faith

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ALFRED E. JOHNSON
NEW Fellowship MO Church

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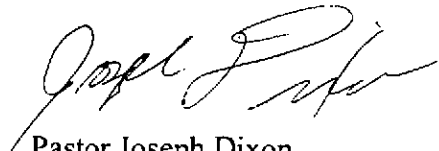
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

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Sincerely,



Pastor Joseph Dixon
President
Rockford Ministers Fellowship

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**SUMMARY OF
PETITION SIGNATURES AND ONLINE LETTERS
FILED IN SUPPORT OF
SWEDISH AMERICAN HOSPITAL CON (PROJECT 17-019)**

During the public hearing on May 23, 2017, Dr. William Gorski formally submitted to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 2,068 petition signatures from Rockford-area residents in support of this CON application, along with 29 letters of support. Those 2,097 Illinois citizens all expressed support for SwedishAmerican's modernization project at its downtown hospital campus in Rockford. This document summarizes that formal support, which has not been separately highlighted in the online project file, with the hope that it may be posted on the Review Board website.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Born, MD, MBA
CEO, SwedishAmerican Hospital

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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's Revised Modernization CON
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

As the 5th Ward Alderman for the City of Rockford, I previously supported the above-referenced CON for SwedishAmerican Hospital. I welcome this opportunity to reiterate my support for this important and much needed project. As noted in my prior submission, the community appreciates SwedishAmerican's willingness to undertake this project which will fill significant gaps in accessibility to health care services in Rockford most underserved areas. Without the improvements realized from this project, many residents will experience significant barriers to access and engage essential medical services.

This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and enhance modern health care services in the entire region. Please accept this letter as evidence of my continued support for the Revised Modernization CON Application.

Sincerely,

Venita Hervey, Alderman
City of Rockford, Ward 5
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Rockford, IL 61102-3368
(815) 968-7682

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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I have previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and I very strongly reiterate my support for this important and needed project. This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

Respectfully,



Jonathan Logemann
Alderman, Second Ward
City of Rockford



Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor
Office of the Mayor

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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's Revised Modernization CON
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

The City of Rockford has previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above and we very strongly reiterate our support for this important and needed project. SwedishAmerican has a long history of pioneering health care advances in our community. And, the organization has been an outstanding corporate citizen in its philanthropic and neighborhood redevelopment efforts.

This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to high quality health care services in the region. I urge you and your fellow members of the Board to approve their CON application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. McNamara". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor



Frank Haney
County Board Chairman
Winnebago County

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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Winnebago County previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and we very strongly reiterate our support for this important and needed project. This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

Respectfully,



Frank Haney, Chairman
Winnebago County Board

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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

The Rockford Chamber of Commerce previously has supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and we strongly reiterate our support for this important and needed project. This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Einar Forsman", is written over a horizontal line.

Einar Forsman
President/CEO
Rockford Chamber of Commerce

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Sandra Martell, RN, DNP
Public Health Administrator

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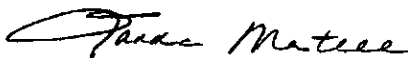
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

On April 20, 2017, the Winnebago County Health Department submitted a letter of support for the initiatives of SwedishAmerican Hospital outlined in their Certificate of Need (Project No. 17-019). The Winnebago County Health Department continues its support of this effort and the revisions that have been proposed.

The initiatives outlined in the revised Certificate of Need will enable SwedishAmerican to address issues of health disparities experienced in our community.

Sincerely,



Sandra Martell, RN, DNP
Public Health Administrator



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Dear Ms. Olson,

On behalf of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC), I am writing to support the SwedishAmerican Hospital's modernization project. RAEDC has previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's application referenced above, and very strongly reiterates our support for this important project.

SwedishAmerican has a long rich tradition of not only providing exceptional regional health care, but also doing such in distressed areas of the city and this modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford Region and improve access to modern health care services in the area.

The primary role of the RAEDC is to improve the economic strength of the Rockford Region by helping employers retain and create quality primary jobs. The RAEDC works closely with many partners to serve as a one-stop resource for clients, to improve the competitiveness of the region and to engage the community in the daily work of economic development.

The RAEDC supports the SwedishAmerican project in which they continue to invest in our region and create quality primary jobs

Our organization has worked closely with all of the area's health care providers, and we appreciate the significant contributions made to our region by SwedishAmerican. On behalf of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, I support the SwedishAmerican project as articulated above. We encourage your support as well, as a means to accelerate our region's economic development success.

Sincerely,

Nathan Bryant
President & CEO





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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Katherine Shaw Bethea (KSB) Hospital has previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and we very strongly reiterate our support for this important and needed project. This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

Respectfully,

David L. Schreiner

David L. Schreiner, FACHE
President/CEO

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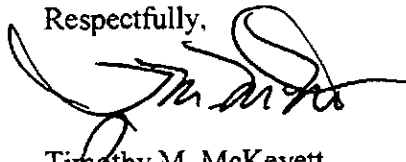
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Beloit Health System has previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and I reiterate my support for this important and needed project. This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford/Stateline area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

Respectfully,



Timothy M. McKeve
President and CEO

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Darien, WI • (262) 882-1151

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Respectfully,

Paula A. Carynski, MS, RN, FACHE, NEA-BC
President
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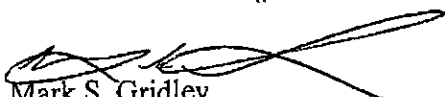
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

FHN has previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and reiterate our support for this important and needed project. This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

Respectfully,


Mark S. Gridley
President & CEO
FHN