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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson, Second Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re:

Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's Revised Modernization CON

Application (Project No. 17-019)

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau previously supported SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON application referenced above, and we very strongly reiterate our support for this important and needed project.

SwedishAmerican has been an important part of our community serving at its original downtown hospital campus for more than a century and this project will bring needed healthcare and economic benefits to our city and region.

This modernization project will benefit the greater Rockford area and improve access to modern health care services in the region.

On behalf of RACVB, I respectfully urge the Board to approve these applications.

Respectfully,

John Groh

President/CEO