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

**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Rita Mayfield, State Representative for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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RITA MAYFIELD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 60TH DISTRICT

December 19, 2017

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

RE: Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Avery,

This letter is to support US HealthVest's Certificate of Need Application to expand and enhance behavioral health services on the Vista Medical Center West campus.

There is an unmet need for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in Waukegan, Lake County and beyond. According to the latest Lake County Community Health Assessment Report, mental health was the highest priority when identifying and building system capacity.

US HealthVest is making a significant investment in the renovation of the facility that will revitalize the campus. The new hospital will not only bring more qualified health professionals to Waukegan, but will offer new programs – much needed programs for patients and their family members and more inpatient beds than are currently available.

Please help our community and approve the application to expand behavioral health services at Vista Medical Center West.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Mayfield", written over a circular stamp.

Rita Mayfield
State Representative District 60

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