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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

Re: Requested Approval for Swedish American Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Transform Rockford is an organization leading a community wide movement to develop and execute a strategic plan which aligns and leverages our many strong attributes with the vision of Rockford and the immediate region being recognized as a Top 25 community by 2025. We see the above referenced project of Swedish American as aligned with the community's vision, values and strategic plan.

Specifically, this project will provide greater healthcare access to the west, southwest, south, and central parts of our city. It will aid in the recruitment of physicians, nurses, and other technologists and specialists to this region. It will provide up to 600 union construction jobs and will modernize an important asset in downtown Rockford.

Upon completion of this project, Rockford's reputation and role as a modern healthcare destination for northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin will be significantly enhanced, which again aligns with our community's vision.

Sincerely,

Mike Schablaske
Executive Director
Transform Rockford