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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Discontinuation of Category of Service - #E-028-17 – Mount Sinai Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery

La Rabida Children's Hospital is in support of Mount Sinai Hospital's discontinuation of inpatient pediatrics. La Rabida provides care to 7500 children a year who require primary and specialty care to address complex and challenging medical conditions. We have partnered with Sinai Health System for several years.

Mount Sinai's decision to close its inpatient pediatrics unit while maintaining its robust outpatient specialty services is a wise one. As pediatric care has changed, hospitals like Mount Sinai are seeing many fewer inpatients. Chicago is fortunate to have several hospitals with the capacity to easily absorb the loss of Mount Sinai's inpatient services. I am confident that this decision will allow Mount Sinai to focus on its pediatric specialty services as well as other critical services for children, including behavioral health and allow those providers who are more capable of providing robust and comprehensive inpatient pediatric care to provide those services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Brenda J. Wolf
President and CEO
La Rabida Children's Hospital