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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 Mount Sinai Hospital Discontinuation of Category of Service - #E-028-17 -

Dear Ms. Avery

As the Illinois State Representative for Mount Sinai Hospital, I would like to provide support for the hospital's decision to discontinue its inpatient pediatrics unit.

It is my understanding that Mount Sinai has consistently had only a small number of patients in its inpatient pediatrics unit. Because my district has other hospitals located within it with pediatric services, including Stroger, University of Illinois and Rush University Medical Center, I am confident that the children of our community will have access to care. I am pleased that Mount Sinai will continue to provide pediatric outpatient specialty care, emergency care for children, observation and other important services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur Turner".

Arthur Turner
State Representative 9th District