

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Silver Cross Hospital's Certificate of Need Application for Open Heart Surgical License

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Silver Cross Hospital's plans to expand cardiac services in my community with an open heart surgical license. This license will allow Silver Cross to perform minimally invasive structural heart surgical procedures for valve repair and replacement in the future.

I have been a volunteer for almost 30 years at Silver Cross Hospital. I volunteer in the Childergiusd Gift Shop. Patients, family members and friends have often shared with us that they have to choose another hospital for heart surgery after all tests are completed. They are so comfortable at Silver it makes all involved to make a decision to go elsewhere. This is their hospital of choice.

Sincerely,

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