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

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RE: Project #18-029

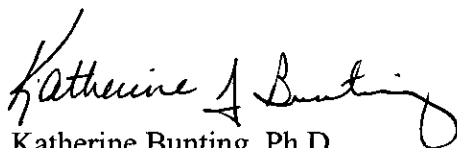
Dear Ms. Avery:

I would like to thank you and your staff for the prompt determination of completeness regarding our project. The project is presently scheduled for review at the Board's December 2018 Board Meeting. We would like to request that the review on this project be expedited so that it could be considered at the Board's October 30, 2018 meeting instead of the December Meeting.

We are currently finishing our financing agreements with the USDA, but they require an approved Certificate of Need before we will finalize the loan documents. We are also expecting to have new physicians joining the staff by 2020 and we need to have the proposed additional space available for their use. Finally given the volatility of the price of construction supplies (steel) we would like to get our design build contracts locked in as soon as possible, which also requires the CON to be approved.

We thank you very much for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please contact me at 618-847-8333, or our consultant (Michael Copelin) at 217-724-4558.

Sincerely,



Katherine Bunting, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Fairfield Memorial Hospital



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