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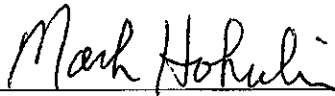
Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: CON Permit Application 18-040
OSF HealthCare System Heart Transplantation Service Restoration -
Peoria

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed is a letter of support for the OSF HealthCare System Heart
Transplantation Service Restoration -Peoria CON application.

Sincerely,



Mark Hohulin, Senior Vice-President
OSF Healthcare System

Enclosure

c: Mr. Michael Constantino

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October 30, 2018

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I write in support of re-establishing the heart transplant program at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.

OSF HealthCare has worked to make a difference in the Peoria community through compassionate care, exceptional clinical and educational programs, highly qualified physicians and staff, as well as providing comprehensive community benefit programs. These services ensure patients are cared for across the continuum. This work has had an impact not just in the Peoria community, but throughout the state of Illinois as well.

Your mission is dedicated to improving population health and the well-being of those who live in downstate Illinois by providing the highest level of quality care possible, as well as promoting ease of access to that care. OSF HealthCare's Cardiovascular Institute exhibits a dedication to patients that should serve as an example for other hospital systems around our great state. Re-establishing the heart transplant program at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center will further this dedication to quality care and provide job opportunities and economic growth.

The ability to provide high quality care close to home and increase access for patients and families across downstate Illinois, is an important opportunity for those living in Central Illinois and within all relevant rules and regulations, I ask that you give strong consideration to the re-establishment of the heart transplant program at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress

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