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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Palos Health MIRA Neural/Behavioral Acute Care Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery;

Please accept the Village of Orland Park's support for the MIRA Neural/Behavioral Healthcare in Palos. There is a great need as this facility would address the needs of children and adolescents with behavior health needs in the Palos community and surrounding communities, such as Orland Park.

Our community is one of the faster growing areas in Illinois. The population growth in Orland Park and surrounding communities there is a high demand for this type of care but the communities are underserved. As mayor, I want to ensure that our residents have access to the best possible services and all individuals have access to the services that they need close to home and family.

The MIRA Neural/Behavioral Healthcare facility has significant community support from both residents and local elected Officials. This healthcare center will cost significantly less than other similar facilities and is estimated to have low hospital and administrative overhead. There is a high demand and the entire south and southwest suburbs are underserved. I feel the MIRA Neuro/Behavioral Health Center for Children & Adolescents would be a great facility for our communities.

I ask that you help Palos Behavioral Acute Care Hospital meet the rapidly increasing needs of our children and adolescents who will lead our future and for the generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Keith Pekau, Village President
Village of Orland Park