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

Re: The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC's Proposal to Establish a 40-bed Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in St. Clair County, HSA11

Dear Ms. Avery;

As mayor of the City of O'Fallon, Illinois, I am writing to express my support for The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC's Certificate of Need application to build a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in St. Claire County, HSA-11.

This facility will be a real plus for our city, for St. Clair County and for the Southwestern Region of Illinois. Having this facility will enhance the treatment of patients throughout our region. It will bring the necessary services needed during their period of inpatient rehabilitation without having to go longer distances to Missouri for such care. This closer facility will be excellent for both the patients and families that are involved. This facility will enhance the rehab of their patients by being so much more convenient for family members to be present on a regular bases. Having an advanced state of the art facility in acute rehab care, in the Illinois region gives our local patients excellent treatment and closer to home but it also offers them a true option for patient care and physicians.

The additional inclusion of family participation in the patient's rehab has shown to be a plus to the patient's rehabilitation. It should in turn lower the length of stay, improve functionality, and return the patient to active duty and participation in family activities.

For the above reasons and many more, I hope you will seriously consider the granting of a Certificate of Need to The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC for an acute inpatient rehab hospital in St. Clair County. It would provide a much needed service to patients and families like those seen in other facilities that are further removed from our area.

Sincerely,

Herb Roach
Mayor