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July 1, 2019

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,

On behalf of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce and its 600+ members, it is with great pleasure that we offer our full support for The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC's Certificate of Need application to build a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in St. Clair county, HSA-11.

There is a real need for a rehabilitation hospital here locally. With this and the other medical opportunities available, there should be the rare need for any patient to go outside of O'Fallon-Shiloh for care. We are eager to see this project advance as we believe a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital will help keep patients local for the continuation of their healthcare needs.

Our area has experienced significant growth in recent years: businesses have expanded and the population has increased. We believe such a facility will have great use from our residents as well as those traveling this direction from the east. The addition of this inpatient rehabilitation hospital will also help increase the economic development in the Metro East region. This facility will only continue to strengthen the region's comprehensive quality healthcare.

Memorial Hospital Network and now BJC HealthCare has had a presence in the O'Fallon-Shiloh area since 1998. BJC HealthCare has continued to recognize the medical needs of the area and expanded services and facilities as needed.

We are very excited about the prospects of having an inpatient rehabilitation hospital located in Shiloh, IL, and we fully support BJC HealthCare's efforts as they seek a Certificate of Need.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney LeGrand, President  
O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Mark Turner, President, Memorial Regional Health Services  
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