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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a Neurosurgeon practicing at Mercy Hospital South in St. Louis, Missouri. I am originally from Southwestern Illinois and recently opened a clinic at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Illinois. I attend to develop a robust Neurosurgery practice at Anderson Hospital performing outpatient surgery procedures while following patients that require more complicated surgery at Mercy Hospital South. Many of these local neurosurgery patients that are treated at Mercy Hospital South will require acute rehabilitation and would greatly benefit from the proposed Anderson Rehabilitation Hospital. This project will greatly enhance the rehabilitation and neurosurgery services for the resident of Madison and surrounding counties. Anderson currently operates a hospital based Acute Rehabilitation Unit that is poised to grow in both the volume and complexity of patients with this project.

I strongly support the addition of the Anderson Rehabilitation Hospital to the services available to the community and will refer patients to this facility.

Sincerely,

Bassam Hadi, MD