



May 23, 2019

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor Springfield, IL 62761

Greetings,

On behalf of the City of Edwardsville, please accept this letter of support for the Anderson Healthcare Goshen Campus Rehabilitation Hospital.

Edwardsville is well positioned to accommodate the presence of a rehabilitation hospital in our community. Located within the St. Louis metropolitan statistical area, our region is home to more than two million eight hundred thousand residents, multiple renowned higher education institutions, and is the central location for the Madison County Courthouse and Administrative buildings.

Edwardsville has experienced impressive growth over the last two decades, and our economy continues to thrive. Last year alone the City of Edwardsville had two hundred and forty eight million dollars in construction permits. Businesses of all kinds have found Edwardsville a desirable location for commercial expansion due to conveniently located sites with key infrastructure, abundant utilities, robust telecommunications, and plenty of room to grow. Our enviable network of state and interstate highways provide easy access to the nearly two million consumers living within a 60-mile radius of the City.

Anderson Hospital's proposed Rehabilitation Hospital is an opportunity for a great partnership with a growing city like Edwardsville. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Sincerely,

Hal Patton,

Mayor City of Edwardsville