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

Dear Ms. Avery:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Anderson Hospital's application for the approval of facilities for a new rehabilitation hospital to be located in Edwardsville, Illinois.

The creation of the Anderson Rehabilitation Hospital will replace the current acute rehabilitation unit within Anderson Hospital with a new, freestanding facility that is anticipated to be between 45 and 50,000 square feet. This proposed hospital will provide acute medical rehabilitation services on an inpatient basis, and will offer care, treatment, and services for patients with conditions resulting in a loss of function or disability. Anderson Hospital will provide any medical support services required by patients utilizing the rehabilitation facility.

The Anderson Rehabilitation Hospital is a joint venture between Anderson Hospital and Kindred Healthcare. If approved, this facility will be the only free-standing rehabilitation hospital in southwestern Illinois with capabilities exceeding any current hospital units. The estimated cost for this project is \$22 million, and the groundbreaking is expected in the early summer of 2020.

We are proud to support this project, and ask that you give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis Member of Congress

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