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October 7, 2019

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

**Re: Palos Health Mokena Medical Office Building (Proj. No. 19-048)
Request for Expedited Review**

Dear Ms. Avery:

The St. George Corporation and Palos Community Hospital (the "Applicants") respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("State Board") grant expedited review of the above referenced project (the "Project") and consider the associated CON application at the December 10, 2019 State Board meeting.

The Project proposes to construct a medical office building in Mokena, Illinois to improve access to quality, coordinated, efficient and cost effective services. The project will allow area patients to receive care closer to home.

Since access to physician services is essential to the overall well-being of the community, the Applicants hope to begin construction as soon as possible. Accordingly, they wish to have the Project considered at the December meeting, so they can complete design work and the construction contract bidding process during the winter months. Doing so would allow them to break ground as soon as the ground thaws in the spring. Consequently, the Applicants respectfully request the State Board consider the Project at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Friedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kara" being more prominent.

Kara M. Friedman