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January 15, 2020

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

*Re: Support for Javon Bea Hospital's Certificate of Need Application for Establishment of
Subacute Care Unit at the Rockton Avenue Campus (CON Project 19-056).*

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

Please accept this letter as my endorsement of Javon Bea Hospital's application to establish a 17-bed subacute care unit at its Rockton Avenue Campus.

The new unit, as proposed, would meet an underserved need for post-acute rehabilitative care centered on Rockford's urban westside, which I'm privileged to represent in the Illinois General Assembly.

Mercyhealth has a reputation for providing quality medical care to the Rockford region, and its Rockton Avenue campus has a longstanding commitment to the most at-risk members of my community.

I support Mercyhealth's continued investment in the Rockton Avenue campus and therefore its proposal to offer sub-acute, post-discharge care at this location. I trust your review of the Javon Bea application will be fair and expeditious, and I'm hopeful of a positive outcome.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint as you reach your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Stadelman".

Steve Stadelman
Illinois State Senator, 34th District