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AT THE CITADEL

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

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Re: CON Project 19-056

Dear Ms. Avery;

I am writing this Letter of Support for the approval of the Javon Bea Hospital application to establish a 17-bed subacute care unit at its Rockton Avenue Campus. Our facility is the PA Peterson at The Citadel, a 129-bed skilled long term care facility, as well as 29-bed assisted living unit, located at 1311 Parkview Avenue in Rockford. We provide an array of skilled nursing services to residents admitted from hospitals, home, and other venues needing skilled care.

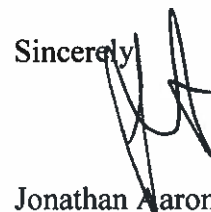
There are residents whom we cannot accept for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to, lack of funding source; residents who are so fragile as to present a risk in transfer out of the hospital setting; residents who still require highly skilled monitoring of both medical and clinical nursing staff almost hourly until stable; just to mention a few.

As we understand, admissions to this subacute unit will be limited to these above described patients, as well as those limited patients who lack funding sources and who may have social issues which would preclude their transfer to a long term care setting.

We believe that this type of unit would be a benefit to the greater community of Rockford, to the healthcare community of Rockford, as well as the hospital, as it would make acute care beds available to those patients who need them immediately.

We are in full support of the hospital's application and urge its approval.

Sincerely,



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