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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Re: Letter of Support for Comprehensive Cancer Center and Proton Therapy

As a member of the Peoria CEO Council and Executive Director of the West Central IL Building and Construction Trades Council that represents 13 counties in central IL, I am writing this letter to express my support of the plans by OSF Saint Francis Medical Center to establish a comprehensive cancer center and offer proton beam therapy to meet the needs of residents of central Illinois.

Bringing proton therapy to Peoria supports the vision of the Peoria CEO Council to develop our community toward a better tomorrow. The proton beam project is part of a greater undertaking by OSF HealthCare to establish a comprehensive cancer center, which will also include cancer clinics, support services, screening and risk-assessment, telehealth capabilities, a library and resource center for community access and education, and patient education including a teaching kitchen for education on the links between healthy eating and cancer prevention.

The establishment of proton beam therapy within this new oncology program will improve care coordination in our community and alleviate the burden of traveling for patients with cancer and their families. This next-generation treatment is the most advanced technology available, and the reduced treatment time means the 17,000 union construction industry employees and their families will experience less disruption to their lives and a quicker return to their normal lives after the devastation of a cancer diagnosis.

The greater Peoria area and surrounding counties supports OSF HealthCare's endeavors in supporting patients with cancer, survivors, and their families. We value the involvement, insight, and good work that OSF HealthCare is doing in cancer care, and urge you to support this opportunity for the communities of Central Illinois to receive access to the support and care that they deserve.

Please approve OSF HealthCare's proposed Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Sincerely,

Clinton J. Drury  
Executive Director  
West Central IL Building and Construction Trades Council



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