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Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 - Letter of Support
– Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, United States House of Representatives,
17th District, IL**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, United States House of Representatives, 17th District, Illinois.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com. You can also contact my colleague Mark J. Silberman, via phone at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1317

March 10, 2020

Courtney Avery
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Re: The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's Proposal to Establish a 40-bed
Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Rock Island County, HSA10

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to urge prompt consideration for the Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's Certificate of Need application to build an acute comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County, IL. I am a member in the United States House of Representatives, serving the 17th Congressional District in Illinois, inclusive of Rock Island, Mercer and Henry Counties which comprise Illinois' HSA10. I serve on a variety of congressional committees including the Appropriations Committee; the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee; the Defense Subcommittee; the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and the House Committee on Agriculture. As a former City Councilwoman in East Moline, I have a vested interest in economic development, rural healthcare, and the safety and wellbeing of all the constituents in my district.

The population growth of citizens over 65 is projected to grow nearly 11% over the next five years in the three counties of HSA10, Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry Counties. This correlates to the need for more inpatient rehabilitation beds to meet the needs of those patients who would benefit from comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation. We are proud of the existing hospitals and health care services in our district however we must remain diligent to continuously assess the provision and access to appropriate services for all our citizens. The coordinated partnership effort between UnityPoint – Trinity and Encompass Health to provide advanced, comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation in a free-standing setting makes sense and will help serve the growing inpatient rehabilitation needs in the Quad Cities. This proposal further supports UnityPoint Health – Trinity Medical Center's needs to modernize and refresh their existing inpatient services by relocating their Inpatient Rehab Unit to the new free-standing hospital location.

With the State's approval of this CON application, the addition of The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC to the health care arena will greatly benefit the citizens they serve. Having this 40-bed free-standing comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in the Quad Cities will allow those patients to continue their post-acute care journey to recovery and opportunity to return to their prior level of independence, function, and activities of daily living close to home in the community in which they live.

As the healthcare landscape evolves, coordination and accountability across the continuum of care is becoming more and more prevalent. The Affordable Care Act promotes accountability between providers to drive down costs and improve quality through the provision of comprehensive treatment options. The excellent healthcare provided at UnityPoint Health – Trinity, in collaboration and partnership with Encompass Health's reputation for acute rehabilitation care, a nationally recognized leader and innovator for advanced, state of the art therapeutic modalities and excellent quality outcomes, would be a welcome addition to the healthcare services in my district.

For these reasons and many more, I ask for a favorable review of The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's application for the Certificate of Need so that they can provide an independent acute comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheri Bustos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress