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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
– Mayor Mike Thoms**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 from Mayor Mike Thoms.

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,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,
COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP



Juan Morado, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



Mayor Mike Thoms

March 23, 2020

Courtney Avery
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Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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:

It is with great enthusiasm that I provide this letter of support for the Certificate of Need being requested by The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC. I recently had the opportunity to learn more about the proposed partnership between Encompass Health and UnityPoint Health-Trinity to build a new free-standing comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County. The nearly 400,000 citizens within the Quad Cities deserve the very best health care services within the area and we are fortunate to have UnityPoint Health at the center of those services. Their continuous growth and expansion over the years has served us very well in Rock Island County and we are proud of their vision for health care, to provide the best outcome for every patient every time.

UnityPoint Health's partnership with Encompass Health, the nation's largest provider of comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation, will greatly enhance those post-acute rehab services to better meet the needs of patients who have suffered strokes, trauma, head injuries, and many more conditions. Their plans to relocate their existing internal rehab unit into a brand new hospital will allow our hospital, UnityPoint Health-Trinity in Rock Island, to refresh and modernize the vacated space. During construction of the new facility, new jobs for the local trades will be available, as well as several new jobs for the new hospital upon opening. This continuously feeds our economic development and growth in the Quad Cities for which we are

grateful and appreciative, as well as enhance the healthcare service landscape in our community.

There is an identified need for this facility, and it enjoys a wide range of community support, including key components of the local medical community. As a valuable addition to the healthcare options for our citizens, I urge you to give this application your favorable recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Thoms". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Thoms".

Mike Thoms
Mayor
City of Rock Island