



May 20, 2020

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, LLC's Proposal to Establish a 40-bed Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Rock Island County, HSA10

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing today to express our support for the approval of the Certificate of Need application for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC, to build a new comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County.

The provision of advanced, excellent healthcare services is critical to the well-being of 475,000 residents in the greater Quad Cities area. UnityPoint Health-Trinity's proposed partnership with Encompass Health's nationally recognized rehabilitation hospital provider will bring advanced comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital services to our community, particularly to Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry counties in Illinois.

As a growing and thriving region we work collectively to move forward economically, to grow businesses, to create a quality place to live and prepare for the future. The Quad Cities Chamber is proud to lead a diverse network of influential business leaders in the region, which includes many highly ranked healthcare providers. We are committed to advancing the local economy and helping each other succeed. The provision of comprehensive healthcare services that meet the needs for the whole continuum of care for our people of all ages is vital to our existence. We are in full support of adding The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC, to our healthcare landscape within the Quad Cities community.

Thanks in advance for your full consideration of this proposal. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PSJR', is written over a faint circular watermark.

Paul Rumler
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Quad Cities Chamber

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