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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers Merger with OSF HealthCare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

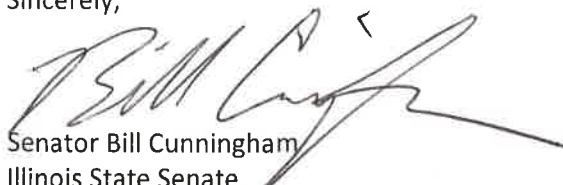
I am writing to express my full support for the merger of Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers with OSF HealthCare System. I believe the merger is in the best interest of my constituents living in Evergreen Park and surrounding areas. With this merger, residents will benefit from enhanced services, improved access to health care and more collaboration between providers – with a desire to keep services right here, in the local community.

I have long supported Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers as both Senator of the 18th Illinois Senate district, as a member of the community the hospital serves. I understand the need for local healthcare and appreciate the hard work of the Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers' team to operate as an independent health system. With ongoing changes in healthcare, a merger with the integrated health system like OSF will afford even more services to the local communities.

For these reasons stated, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed merger and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Senator Bill Cunningham
Illinois State Senate
18th Senate District