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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Carle Danville CON Applications (Projects #20-047 and #20-048)

Dear Chair Savage,

Please let this letter serve as my written support of Carle Health's applications for Certificates of Need (CON) for the modernization of healthcare services in the Danville community.

As a physician board-certified in internal medicine and affiliated with multiple hospitals, I can speak firsthand to the health needs of our community and the benefits this expansion of services will bring to the area. Vermilion County stands at 101 out of 102 in overall health rankings in the State of Illinois and has some of the lowest health indicators within the state. Diabetes, heart disease, cancer and overall life expectancy rates in Vermilion County are among some of the most challenging in Illinois. This multi-use medical campus will provide greater healthcare service and convenience to those who need care the most.

Carle has long been committed to the Danville community since 1984 and currently serves more than 31,000 unique patients every year. Nearly 2,000 surgeries are performed each year at the Carle Danville Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC).

Co-locating services from multiple locations into the same facility will create efficiencies for patients, providers and staff and improve the overall patient experience.

The new location will afford a very convenient access point as it will be less than two miles from Interstate 74 and approximately three miles closer to Interstate 74 than the current Vermilion Street location.

The benefits of this consolidated, comprehensive facility will not only improve the quality of care in Vermilion County but allow members of our community to receive top-decile health care close to home.

I support this Danville project to expand access to Carle's resources that will positively impact the health and well-being of the Vermilion County community.

Sincerely,



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