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April 20, 2020

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of the planned affiliations between the Carle Foundation Health System and Advocate BroMenn Medical Center (E-013-20) and Advocate Eureka Hospital (E-014-20). I proudly represent the 53rd State Senate District of Illinois, which includes both of these Advocate hospitals.

In addition to representing the locations involved in this affiliation, I have also represented Carle properties throughout my tenure in the State Legislature, and know that Carle combines clinical care, health insurance, research, and academics that focus on serving my district, Central Illinois, and far beyond. A large portion of my district is rural, which brings unique healthcare challenges. Under this transaction, I will represent two Carle Critical Access Hospitals, and look forward to working with Carle Leadership experienced in providing high level care in all corners of my district.

Importantly, this affiliation underscores both organizations' commitment to ensuring access to high quality healthcare for Central Illinois communities, and for that reason, I reiterate my support of this affiliation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason A. Barickman", written over a circular stamp.

Jason A. Barickman
State Senator