



City of Flint

Office of the Mayor

Sheldon A. Neeley
Mayor

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Courtney Avery, Board Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support- Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Exemption #003-21

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Sheldon Neely, and I serve as mayor of the City of Flint, Michigan. The Insight Biomedical Technology Institute is located in Flint and has had a major impact on our local economy. Insight's investment in our city has generated jobs and helped transform what had previously been the abandoned General Motors headquarters. Insight also has had a positive impact on the healthcare of our residents, and I am a strong supporter of Insight and Dr. Jawad Shah. They have been reliable partners in increasing access to medical care and in building a strong community throughout Flint. Their support of community events and in the Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village are invaluable. I know that our community can always count on Insight to be there when we need them.

I support Insight's newest endeavor to save the Mercy Hospital in Chicago. I understand Mercy is one of the city's oldest hospitals and has declared bankruptcy. If this hospital were to close, it surely would be devastating for the community and make healthcare even harder to access for residents. That's why I am so excited our friends at Insight have shown interest in it. I know that Dr. Shah will bring the same commitment to the South Side of Chicago that he has brought to the Flint community.

I support Insight's efforts to operate the Mercy Hospital and urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve their application.

For the love of our community,

Sheldon A. Neely
Mayor, City of Flint