

March 19, 2021

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

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Dr. Mohammed T Hussain, I am a physician specializing in Hematology/Oncology, and I treat patients at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center. I have worked at the hospital since 2017 and I support the Insight Chicago, Inc. change of ownership application.

The facility is filled with great staff; everyone is very reasonable and easy to work together as a team to serve the community.

It is also one of the very few facilities that offer's PET/CT scans which is extremely instrumental to my field of practice.

Many of my patients require the PET test and choose to only come to the Mercy facility for ease of access and quality of care.

I do appreciate Dr. Shah and the Insight team reaching out to me and engaging with me and several colleagues in a conversation about their proposed plans for the facility. I am hopeful because the Insight organization seems to have the experience and background to successfully operate the hospital for the benefit of the community. This hospital is needed in this community, as the care for the patients is critically important. Mercy Hospital is a large facility, with quality care for the community. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Insight's application so they can continue to improve their patient's lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed T Hussain', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mohammed T Hussain
Board Certified
Hematology/Oncology