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DALE FOWLER
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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm State Senator Dale Fowler and I represent the 59th District, which encompasses both Southern Illinois Healthcare and the Harrisburg Medical Center. It is a privilege to be able to speak in full support today on the merger of these two facilities and I am excited for the opportunities this collaboration will create. The decision to merge Harrisburg Medical Center with SIH will increase access to healthcare, expand services and improve healthcare costs. Especially after the past year and with this pandemic, we have never had a better understanding about the vital role healthcare provider's play in our communities. This merger will only open the door for growing our healthcare workforce, attracting healthcare specialists and grow technology advancements. SIH and Harrisburg Medical Center are major employers in the area, and through this change of ownership, we will only see further growth in our local work force. New jobs and educational prospects will be created, we will be able to recruit physicians, and place the Harrisburg facility in the regional spotlight for development and opportunity. The facility will continue to expand operations and services. In the last five years, Harrisburg Medical Center has undergone serious facility expansions and improvements. I'm excited to see these facilities join together to streamline health services and fully utilize the state-of-the-art facility. I look forward to this development and am confident that this collaboration will be great for Southern Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Fowler".

Dale Fowler

Illinois State Senator, 59th District