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Chairwoman Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Campus Project No. [22-017]

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Project No. [22-017]. As the Peoria County State's Attorney, I see firsthand how the lack of mental health services can impact a community. Individuals without appropriate services often turn to criminal behavior. In today's world, investment in our youth could not be more important. UnityPoint Health-Methodist Hospital has made this a priority through its decision to purchase and renovate the former Heddington Oaks nursing home into the proposed state-of-the-art behavioral health campus. The child and adolescent behavioral health campus will provide children and their families with increased access to quality behavioral health services close to home. The facility will be used for non-profit healthcare purposes greatly improving the health and wellbeing of youth in our community.

I ask that you approve this worthy and important project.

Very truly yours,

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