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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Via Personal Delivery

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for Change of Ownership of Gateway
Regional Medical Center to American Health Systems

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

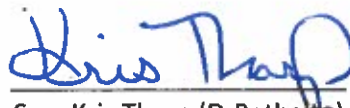
As the state legislators from the involved region, we respectfully write in support of the change of ownership application referenced above. Gateway Regional Medical Center ("Gateway") is vitally important to Granite City and the surrounding area, which include constituents of ours.

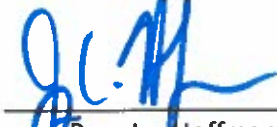
American Healthcare Systems ("AHS") has a record of acquiring/managing under-performing hospitals and increasing healthcare services, while preserving existing staff. That has been its history, we are advised, with its two other hospitals: Randolph Health Hospital in Asheboro, NC, and South City Hospital in St. Louis, MO. The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AHS, Mr. Michael Sarian, MBA, PLD, has personally assured us that his intention is to do the exact same with Gateway – retain existing staff and expand services. Mr. Sarian has also committed to investing in additional medical resources for Gateway and to establishing a governing board for Gateway that includes leading members of the local community.

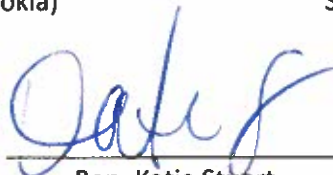
Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this proposed change of ownership.

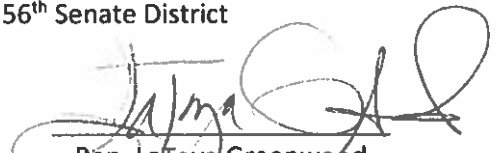
Respectfully submitted,


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56th Senate District


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