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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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December 5, 2022

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 chairman of the Madison County Board, I 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 includes constituents of mine.

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, I have been 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 expressed his intention 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 my comments on this proposed change of ownership.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurt Prenzler", is written over a horizontal line.

Kurt Prenzler  
Madison County Board Chair

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator