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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: HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur/Certificate of
Need (CON) Application for Discontinuation of OB Services

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

On behalf of Memorial Health and Decatur Memorial Hospital, I am writing you to advise the Review Board that we do not oppose HSHS St. Mary's discontinuation of the OB category of service and have the capacity to accommodate additional OB patients.

The financial challenges facing Illinois hospitals are well established. They include high inflation, financial pressures stemming from staffing shortages, and major supply chain disruptions. In the Decatur service region, the long-term population decline has only added to those pressures. We at Memorial Health appreciate that the applicant shared an advance briefing on the nature of and reasons for this CON application to discontinue the OB services, and we understand the significant and growing financial deficits of the applicant hospital that led to this filing.

Decatur Memorial Hospital and Memorial Health are prepared to do our part to help assure that the healthcare needs of our region are met during and after this transition. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Curtis", written over a horizontal line.

Edgar J. Curtis
President and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator

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