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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

RE: US HealthVest and OSF Healthcare System Adult Behavioral Health Hospital

Project: 23-008 Letter of Support

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

This letter is submitted in support of the proposed adult behavioral health hospital in Peoria.

This proposed 100-bed adult hospital will increase access to behavioral health services throughout downstate Illinois. As the largest facility south of Chicago, it will provide greatly needed inpatient behavioral health resources for some of the most vulnerable individuals and families, regardless of ability to pay.

In addition to offering inpatient psychiatric beds, this hospital will have unique offerings such as dual diagnosis, geriatric and other specialty programs. This hospital will help fill the current and growing unmet need in Peoria and the surrounding area for inpatient psychiatric care, which often results in patients being deferred or even denied necessary mental health treatment.

I urge you to support the approval of the certificate of need application for US HealthVest and OSF. Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in our area.

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