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Via Email Delivery

Mr. John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: HSHS St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, Modernization Project
Request for Expedited Review**

Dear Mr. Kniery:

On behalf of the applicant HSHS St. Mary's Hospital, I respectfully request that the project be expedited for review at the October 3, 2023 Review Board meeting. This is a non-substantive project that involves no new services and no addition of beds. It is an \$89 million project involving over 105,000 gsf of modernized space and approximately 219,000 gsf of demolition of a large section of the main hospital building that was constructed in 1958. Consequently, there will be significant construction activities related to the project, and having the project heard at the October 3rd meeting will allow construction to commence and be completed more quickly.

For the above reasons, the applicants respectfully request that project review be expedited to allow for a hearing of the project at the October 3, 2023 Review Board meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

BARNES & THORNBURG LLP



By: _____
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cc: Mike Constantino
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Theresa Rutherford, President & CEO, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital