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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 Approval of Vital \$89 Million Modernization Project Application Ensuring HSHS St. Mary's Hospital (Decatur) Remains in Decatur Community

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I support the approval of the CON application authorizing St. Mary's Hospital to invest \$89 million to modernize the facility and operations to complete its envisioned right-sizing of its services to the residents of the 48th District. Approval of this modernization project allows St. Mary's to continue to serve Decatur residents for generations to come.

I was grateful to Theresa Rutherford, president and CEO of St. Mary's, who recently hosted me for a tour at the hospital to explain the future needs of the hospital and the reasons for the investment and upgrades.

Through this modernization project, HSHS St. Mary's seeks to: (a) add four new operating rooms that meet modern standards for size and technology; (b) modernize pre- and post-surgery areas; (c) upgrade various technology systems and equipment; (d) reorganize the hospital layout and operations flow (e.g., moving central sterilization next to the operating room); (e) consolidate administrative offices into a centralized location; and (f) remove the obsolete east wing of the hospital.

HSHS St. Mary's Hospital (Decatur) was originally constructed in 1957 and opened in 1961. St. Mary's hospital has served the Decatur community for over 60 years. Approval of CON modernization application will ensure St. Mary's can serve the ever-changing needs of the Decatur area in the future.

This \$89 million modernization project aligns with the Mission of St. Mary's hospital and I request its approval.

Respectfully,

State Senator Doris Turner
48th Illinois Senate District

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator