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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 HSHS St. Mary's (Decatur) CON Application Investing \$89 Million to Modernize Hospital

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

HSHS St. Mary's Hospital (Decatur) has filed a CON application for consideration before the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's (IHFSRB) to invest \$89 million to modernize its facilities and services, with completion anticipated by 2026. On behalf of the residents I serve who rely on St. Mary's, I wholeheartedly support its approval.

The project includes four new operating rooms and a new sterilization room, modernization of the surgical area and patient care rooms, various technology systems and equipment upgrades, enhancements to improve the workflow of the entire hospital, enhancement of patient services efficiencies, and demolition of the east wing of the hospital.

I was thankful for the recent invitation to tour the facility and learn more about why this modernization is so important.

This necessary right-sizing aligns with the Franciscan principles by best using the limited resources they have to serve a community that has seen significant decline in population and utilization over the years.

HSHS St. Mary's has been serving the Decatur area for 145 years, with the current facility that is more than 60 years old, and this proposed modernization plan allows the hospital to continue its Mission while adapting to the evolving needs of the community.

Respectfully,

Senator Sally J. Turner
44th Illinois Senate District

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator