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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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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 Letter: HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur / Certificate of
Need Application for Modernization of the Hospital

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

Our mission is to provide comprehensive healthcare for the medically underserved as an FQHC outpatient healthcare provider in the greater Macon County area. To effectively advance our mission, we rely on partnerships and collaborations with local hospitals in our community. HSHS St. Mary's Hospital is an important partner in ensuring the large Medicaid population we serve can obtain hospital-based services when needed. We support St. Mary's Hospital's thoughtful approach to modernize its facility and operations, invest back in the community and ensure that St. Mary's continues to be a respected facility in our community for years to come.

We understand and support St. Mary's Hospital's current Certificate of Need (CON) application to modernize the hospital facility with a \$90 million investment, subject to your approval, that includes the removal of an antiquated portion of its current facility and renovation of multiple areas to modernize the space and add more technologically advanced amenities.

We are thankful that HSHS St. Mary's Hospital will continue to provide high-quality, reliable and safe care to patients in our Macon County communities as over 20 healthcare services and specialties continue to be available. I believe St. Mary's Hospital leadership will continually seek to understand and find opportunities to lessen adverse effects by collaborating and partnering with community resources and addressing health needs to continue to provide high-quality care.

We are grateful for the continued commitment of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital to Decatur and the surrounding areas – certainly as evidenced by the \$90 million modernization investment – and support the need of the hospital to address its facility concerns to ensure its viability for current and future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tanya Andricks".

Tanya Andricks, RN, BSN, MHA

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Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator