



DECATUR REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Support for CON Application for HSHS St. Mary's Modernization

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

Please accept this letter as an indication of the Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce strong support of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. The Chamber is proud to represent local businesses and organizations in the Decatur-Macon County community and advocate for projects and programs that support area economic improvements and growth.

HSHS St. Mary's planned investment of \$90 million to renovate their surgical suite, add new technologies, address facility infrastructure issues, and make additional improvements is greatly needed in our community. This investment demonstrates they are committed to continuing their Mission of providing high-quality healthcare to Decatur and surrounding communities, now and for decades to come.

In addition, St. Mary's is one of the top employers in Decatur and continues take measures to recruit and retain experienced healthcare providers to the hospital.

We are grateful for the planned modernization of St. Mary's Hospital in order to adapt how it delivers healthcare services to best serve the residents of Decatur-Macon County and encourage the Board to approve their application.

Sincerely,

Mirinda Rothrock
President
Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator