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Via Personal Delivery

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair  
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 Letter: HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur / Certificate of  
Need Application for \$90 Million Modernization Project

Dear Chair Savage:

I am writing in support of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to invest \$90 million into the infrastructure and new technology at their current facility.

North American Partners in Anesthesia (NAPA) currently provides all anesthesia coverage at St. Mary's Hospital, as well as at all the other ministries within Hospital Sisters Health System.

For our providers who practice at St. Mary's, the proposed renovations St. Mary's application would greatly enhance the delivery of efficient, cost effective, and quality health care for the entire community. Part of the \$90 million proposed modernization plan includes four new, state-of-the-art operating rooms which will be substantially larger than what is available currently in our facility and will be designed for better workflow for physicians, nurses and other support staff. Additional updates to the pre- and post-surgery environments will support an improved patient experience for those who use our services. Support of this project will also help address other facility concerns.

I greatly urge the Board to approve this project that will allow St. Mary's to continue delivering high-quality Franciscan healthcare to the residents of Macon County for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Nussbaum  
Vice President Business Operations, Mid-West  
North American Partners in Anesthesia

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator

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