



October 31, 2023

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Mr. John P. Kniery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support  
For Certificate of Need Project 23-037  
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Bed Expansion

Dear Ms. Savage and Mr. Kniery:

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed project at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center (SJMC) in Bloomington, IL to add 15 ICU and 10 medical/surgical beds.

OSF St. Joseph Medical Center plays an important role as a referral center for hospitals and other health care providers in central Illinois. In the past three years, Iroquois Memorial Hospital has referred patients to SJMC for specialized services that are not available at our hospital. SJMC has been accommodating our requests when they had available beds to accommodate our patients. On occasion SJMC was at capacity and unable to accommodate referrals, which is testimony to their need for additional beds.

I urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project at its meeting on December 5, 2023.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Tilstra  
President, Chief Executive Officer

cc: Lynn A. Fulton, President, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center  
Mark Hohulin, Senior Vice President, Healthcare Analytics, OSF Healthcare System