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John P. Kniery
Board Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Rockford Endoscopy Center CON Application

Dear Mr. Kniery,

My name is Paula A. Carynski and I am President of OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center ("OSF Saint Anthony") in Rockford, Illinois. OSF Saint Anthony is a long-time strategic partner with Rockford Gastroenterology Associates, LTD. ("RGA"), and we enthusiastically support their CON application to modernize their existing facility and expand capacity for gastroenterological services in the area.

OSF Saint Anthony is a full-service acute care medical center that is dedicated to serving the residents of the greater Rockford community and was founded in 1899. Many of the physicians affiliated with RGA currently work at OSF Saint Anthony and have been a part of our hospital's success over the past several years. We are acutely aware of the ongoing capacity issues that our patients face with scheduling procedures to be completed at Rockford Endoscopy Center. While this is a testament to the excellent service and quality of RGA, we recognize that relief is needed.

That is why we support this project to modernize the existing facility and expand the number of operating rooms to ease the existing backlog and to accommodate OSF Saint Anthony patients who may require a procedure to be performed at the facility. We do not believe this will have any negative impact on our facility and in fact we believe the net result will be positive for both organizations and most importantly our shared patients.

Thank you for your consideration of our support and we hope the Board will approve this necessary project.

Best,

Paula A. Carynski
President
OSF Saint Anthony Hospital