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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Support for Change of Ownership of Vista Medical Center East to American Health Systems

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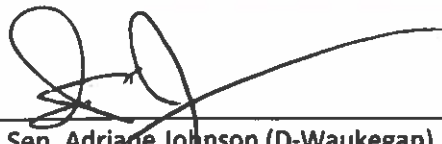
Dear Chairwoman Savage:

As the State Senator and State Representative from the involved region, we respectfully write in support of the change of ownership application referenced above. Vista Medical Center East ("Vista") is vitally important to the City of Waukegan and the surrounding area, which include constituents of ours.

American Healthcare Systems ("AHS") has advised us that it has a positive record of acquiring/managing under-performing hospitals and increasing healthcare services, while preserving existing staff. AHS described that history with its two other hospitals – Randolph Health Hospital in Asheboro, NC, and South City Hospital in St. Louis, MO – and with its acquisition last month of Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City, Illinois. AHS has advised us of its intention to do the exact same with Vista; specifically, retain existing staff, maintain and even increase services, and enhance its commitment to the local community. Based upon those representations and assurances, we write to share our support for this Certificate of Exemption application.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this proposed change of ownership.

Respectfully submitted,


Sen. Adriane Johnson (D-Waukegan)
30th Senate District


Rep. Rita Mayfield (D-Waukegan)
60th House District

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator