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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project E-026-23 St. Margaret's Health - Peru Letter of Support

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

As the Mayor of the City of Peru, IL, I am writing to express my support for a change of ownership between St. Margaret's Health-Peru and OSF Healthcare System.

When our hospital closed its doors this past winter, the community suffered. Not only did we lose the peace of mind that comes with having emergency medical services close by, it negatively impacted individuals and families from an economic standpoint. Residents' livelihoods were interrupted. The situation was bleak and attracted national media attention.

The commitment that OSF has for the Illinois Valley is evident. Major milestones have already been accomplished including opening primary care locations in Granville and Peru. OSF has also worked to establish urgent care, occupational health, and rehabilitation services. The mission of OSF HealthCare to "serve with the greatest care and love" is evident and welcomed in our communities.

I am in support of this change of ownership between St. Margaret's Health-Peru and OSF Healthcare System so OSF can open the Peru campus and provide health care services in Peru and nearby communities. I appreciate your consideration and request your support and approval of this Certificate of Exemption application.

Sincerely,

Ken Kolowski
Mayor, City of Peru