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

Re: Letter of Support

CON Project 24-022 — Premier Cardiac Surgery Center Establishment of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the establishment of the new Cardiac Catheterization program as proposed by Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (PCSC). As Mayor of New Lenox, Illinois, I recognize the critical importance of expanding access to advanced cardiac care in the region, and I believe this program will play a pivotal role in enhancing the health and well-being of so many residents.

On a personal note, I received my pacemaker at this facility on March 17, 2024. Suffering from severe bradycardia, this life-saving procedure has allowed me to stay healthy to not only serve my constituents but enjoy my family of 5 children and 7 grandchildren. The introduction of a Cardiac Catheterization program at PCSC's current surgery center is not only timely but essential. This program will provide people like me with access to state-of-the-art diagnostic and interventional procedures, allowing for timely treatment of heart conditions that could otherwise result in severe complications or even loss of life.

As Mayor, I am committed to supporting initiatives that promote the health and safety of all people. I fully endorse the new Cardiac Catheterization program and will work with the local government to provide any necessary assistance to ensure its success.

Thank you for your dedication to improving the health of our community. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this program will undoubtedly have on the lives of our residents.

Timothy A. Baldermann

New Lenox Mayor