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

Re: Project # 24-035

Dear Chair Savage,

On behalf of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation, I am writing to express my strong support for the Certificate of Need permit application submitted to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board by Carle Health. This application proposes an expansion of the Carle at the Fields Ambulatory Surgery Center, a project that aligns with the initial vision for the facility and addresses critical healthcare needs in our community.

The proposed expansion is essential for several reasons: meeting growing demand, improving patient care, attracting medical talent, and cost reduction for patients and employers. Additional operating room and prep and recovery bays will allow Carle Health to address the increasing need for surgical services in our region while enhancing patient comfort and streamlining the surgical process.

Carle Health's forward-thinking approach considers several factors driving the increased demand for surgical services: changing population demographics, evolving disease prevalence, shifts in payor coverage decisions, and advancements in minimally invasive surgical techniques. By proactively addressing these trends, Carle Health will safeguard continued access to vital ambulatory surgical care, which is fundamental to our community's overall health and well-being.

Given these significant benefits to our community and region, I wholeheartedly endorse this application. The proposed expansion aligns with our commitment to improving healthcare access and affordability for all residents of Champaign County.

Sincerely,

Carly McCrory-McKay
Executive Director
Champaign County Economic Development Corporation