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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,

I have the honor of serving as the Mayor of the City of Champaign, an office I have held since 2015. As a Champaign resident for more than forty-five years, I have had the opportunity to serve my community in a number of ways, including elected positions with the County Board and City Council before election as mayor.

I am writing today on behalf of the City 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: The additional operating rooms will allow Carle Health to address the increasing need for surgical services in our area.

Improving Patient Care: The current facility lacks sufficient prep and recovery bays. Expanding these areas will enhance patient comfort and streamline the surgical process.

Attracting Medical Talent: The expansion will facilitate Carle Health's efforts to recruit additional physicians, ensuring our community has access to top-tier medical professionals.

Cost Reduction for Patients and Employers: By shifting appropriate procedures from Carle Foundation Hospital's outpatient department to the ASC, patients will benefit from lower out-of-pocket expenses.

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, I wholeheartedly endorse this application, and my office stands ready to provide any necessary support to ensure the success of this vital healthcare initiative.

Sincerely,

Deborah Frank Feinen
Mayor, City of Champaign