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Ms. Debra Savage
Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Project 24-043
Emergency Department Expansion
Anderson Hospital
Maryville

Dear Ms. Savage

I am writing in support of the modernization and expansion of the emergency department at Anderson Hospital, and recommend approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

The Anderson emergency department is outdated. Significant modernization is needed to deliver care that better accommodates the special needs of patients and protect their privacy. Our ambulance drivers and paramedics see first-hand the crowded conditions and operational challenges at the current ED. There is limited space for paramedics to do their necessary charting. Accessing supplies for restocking ambulances is challenging because of insufficient storage in the ED.

The ED renovation and expansion is a necessary project in the region. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the project.

Sincerely,



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Fire Chief
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Cc: John Kniery, Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Michael Constantino, Project Review, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board