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City Manager, Danny Langloss

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Members of the Review Board,

On behalf of the City of Dixon, I would like to offer the City's full support and excitement for the KSB Hospital and OSF HealthCare merger. As the City Manager of Dixon, I have worked closely with KSB administration and staff over the past 28+ years. Throughout this current process, I, and the entire Dixon City Council, have been in close contact with CEO David Schreiner and his team.

KSB Hospital is the anchor of thriving downtown Dixon and one of the largest employers in our region. KSB is more than just an exceptional healthcare provider, they are a true community partner. KSB invests in their people, and their people invest back in our community.

KSB has made significant investments in facility renovations and technology. While their services expand beyond the city limits of Dixon, KSB has three major locations in our downtown. Over the years, my family has been blessed to have the services of KSB, including the birth of two of my children and the impending birth of my daughter later this month. KSB's staff provides the highest levels of service and care to our community. At KSB, you are not treated like a patient. You are treated like family.

While every rural hospital wishes to remain independent, the financial impacts of COVID-19 have made that increasingly difficult. I would like to thank the leadership of KSB Hospital for holding true to their commitment to the Dixon community to provide the highest levels of care through the best physicians, support staff and technology. Recognizing the increasing difficulty to maintain facilities and continuously improve technology, KSB leadership was proactive in assessing what gives their staff the greatest opportunity to serve Dixon to the highest level. After detailed research and discussions, KSB leadership and City leadership feel affiliation with OSF HealthCare will give KSB's team the greatest opportunity to achieve this goal.

This affiliation will not only ensure Dixon residents will continue to receive a very high level of service, it will allow the staff at KSB to take their serves to the next level. As a member of this community, ensuring that my aging parents and our young children have access to great healthcare is essential. As the City

Manager, in addition to the essential healthcare services provided, this affiliation will ensure the economic vitality of not only our historic downtown, but the entire region.

In closing, it is without reservation that the City of Dixon offers its full support and enthusiasm for this merger. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me via cell phone at 815/973-5736 or by email at danny.langloss@discoverdixon.org.

Sincerely,

Danny D. Langloss, Jr.

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