

August 23rd, 2024

Re: Letter of Support for CON for Acquisition of KSB Hospital by OSF

My name is Dr. Sohail Hanif, M.D. I am a Cardiologist who has worked for KSB Hospital for the past twenty years. During this time, I have enjoyed treating members of my community by providing them with excellent medical care, in an excellent facility, with excellent staff.

As time has progressed, and the news of KSB Hospital's acquisition by OSF became clear, I believe this will be a valuable and good step for our community of Dixon, Illinois. This letter provides my full support for this new affiliation between the two hospitals. Citizens of Dixon, Illinois have been accustomed to receiving outstanding Cardiac Care. We are confident that this acquisition will allow members of our community to continue to receive that care. KSB has a centuries old proud history of providing both primary and specialization care to its community. Investments in the Cardiology Department and new state of the art technology will only allow us to serve our community better. It is critical that as health care providers, we be able to continue to provide local healthcare beyond just primary care to our local communities.

As someone who has invested 20 years of my professional and personal life with KSB Hospital, I strongly believe that OSF will continue to provide outstanding healthcare to our community by retaining the doctors and staff that are familiar faces to our patients. I also believe that OSF will enhance KSB Hospital's mission of providing outstanding rural medical care with its acquisition.

With Regards,

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