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Mr. David Schreiner,

I am writing to express my full support and excitement for KSB Hospital's proposed affiliation with OSF HealthCare. As the Lee County Administrator, I have seen firsthand the vital role KSB plays in providing quality healthcare to our community. This affiliation marks a pivotal moment in ensuring that KSB continues to serve our residents with the highest level of care for generations to come.

KSB Hospital has a long and proud history of service, deeply rooted in its mission to deliver exceptional healthcare to the Sauk Valley region. By joining forces with OSF HealthCare, KSB will not only preserve this legacy but will also enhance it through expanded access to resources, innovative technology, and a broader network of specialized services. This partnership promises to bring significant investments in facility renovations, improved technology, and continued growth of our exceptional staff, all of which will directly benefit our community.

The affiliation with OSF HealthCare is crucial to ensuring that KSB can continue to provide top-tier medical services locally. This is particularly important in maintaining the trust that our community has placed in KSB over the years, allowing KSB to expand primary care offerings and provide seamless access to specialized services through OSF's Centers of Excellence, while ensuring that our residents receive the best possible care without having to leave the area.

I fully believe that this partnership will ensure that KSB continues to be a cornerstone of our community's health and well-being for decades to come. I am confident that this affiliation with OSF HealthCare will only strengthen the level of care we have come to expect.

Please know that you have my continued support as you move forward with this affiliation, and I am more than willing to discuss this further if needed. The future of healthcare in our community looks bright, and I am excited to see the positive impact this affiliation will have on all of us.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Englund

Lee County Administrator