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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lynn Knodle, and I have been on the Board of Directors for Katherine Shaw Bethea (KSB) since 2015. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affiliation between OSF Healthcare System and KSB. As Chief Executive Officer at Serenity Hospice and Home, I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the critical role that KSB plays in providing high-quality healthcare services to our community.

This affiliation presents an opportunity for KSB to enhance patient care by upgrading technology, expanding access to specialized services, and optimizing resource use. Through collaboration, KSB intends to ensure that patients in our community receive the best possible care, leveraging the strengths and expertise of both institutions.

The partnership will enable KSB to improve patient outcomes by sharing best practices, expanding service offerings, and restoring its place as a strong and supportive community partner with local agencies and businesses. I am particularly excited that our community will gain access to the comprehensive range of quality services provided by OSF Healthcare System, as it aligns with our shared commitment and KSB's mission to restore, maintain and enhance health by providing superior care now and in the future.

I am confident that this affiliation will be mutually beneficial and will significantly contribute to the well-being of our community. I fully support this collaboration and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our patients, staff, and the broader region.

Thank you for considering this important partnership. Please feel free to contact me for further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Lynn Knodle

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