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March 27, 2025

John Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson
Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Kniery,

I wish to express my support for Southern Illinois Hospital Services application for a CON regarding their project at the Harrisburg Medical Center.

The purpose of this project is to address the critical need in southern Illinois for inpatient mental health services. The project will include the construction of an addition that will provide 12 new private AMI (Acute Mental Illness) rooms, which will increase the facility's capacity. Additionally, the project will also renovate the 30 beds within the two existing AMI units.

Total project cost is \$19,954,683, with major funding secured by grants from USDA-Emergency Rural Health Care program and the IL Dept of Healthcare & Family Services (HFS). Support for this project comes from a consortium of the following: Southern Illinois Hospital Services, Egyptian health Department, Southern Illinois University-School of Medicine and Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Harrisburg Medical Center is one of only two facilities in the region providing AMI services of which the other is 90 miles away. Saline County, the location of the Harrisburg Medical Center has the designation of both a Health Professional Shortage Area and a Medically Underserved Area and these services are greatly needed in this region.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of approval of this project. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Fowler".

Illinois State Senator - 59th District