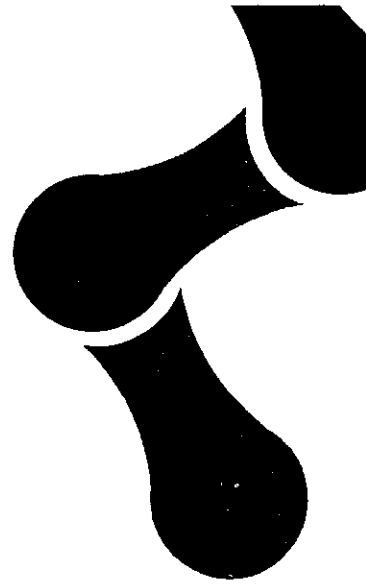




May 5, 2025

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing a letter of support for the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery located in Mt. Zion, IL. I greatly support this project not only as the Mayor of Mt. Zion IL but also as an Executive Vice President of a multi-location Bank located in Central Illinois. The village of Mt. Zion employs 30 full time employees and some part time seasonal employees and Scott State Bank employs roughly 50 full time and part time employees in Macon and Moultrie County. One of the greatest expenses for the village and bank is employee expense and specifically healthcare. The cost of healthcare increases each year and the village and bank do everything we can to keep the cost down as much as we can for our employees. Our community and our business would greatly benefit from an efficient and cost-effective alternative like the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery would provide. As a public body the less we must spend on healthcare for our employees potentially increases our ability to stimulate growth in the community and as a business the less cost we have related to employee healthcare the more we can look to expand our business and increase employment within Macon County and specifically Mt. Zion IL.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to write this letter of support for the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery and I strongly encourage you to approve the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery Project as it will be benefit for both the village of Mt. Zion and private industry in the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

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