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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Letter of Concern and Comment
Project #25-012 – Mt. Zion Center for Surgery

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

As the state Senator who represents communities with existing healthcare facilities that may be directly impacted by the project detailed in the above-referenced CON application, I respectfully submit this letter of concern and comment on the permit application for Mt. Zion Center for Surgery, Project #25-012.

While I am not taking a formal position on the project, I am asking that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board carefully apply the applicable statute and rules with due consideration of both the specific facts surrounding this project and the broader context that presently impacts the delivery of healthcare services in Illinois. The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act entrusts you with a significant and consequential responsibility, which I trust the Review Board will exercise with the long-term best interests of my constituents in mind.

Thank you for adhering to the requirements and goals outlined in the law and regulations you implement. This includes a meaningful explanation of safety net impacts and the identification of all controlling parties as co-applicants, the latter to enable the Review Board to determine whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide a proper standard of healthcare service and community stakeholders to offer public input on the question. This also includes avoidance of: (i) unnecessary duplication of services that adversely impacts existing, underutilized facilities; (ii) redirection of clinical and technical staff away from existing facilities in areas where such professional resources are scarce; and (iii) impairment of safety net service delivery, and the cross-subsidization that enables such safety net services. Among the safety net services to consider, of course, are the Medicaid, charity, and emergency department care delivered by existing facilities.

Additionally, I anticipate that your review of this project will include the financial implications for existing facilities of recently enacted federal legislation and the adverse impacts for Illinois hospitals that have been widely covered by media outlets throughout our state.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doris Turner".
Doris Turner
State Senator

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