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Re: Request for Written Decision
Project #25-012 – Mt. Zion Center for Surgery

Dear Mr. Kniery:

On behalf of the Hospital Sisters Health System ("HSHS") and HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur ("St. Mary's"), and in accordance with Section 12(11) of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act ("Planning Act," 20 ILCS 3960/12(11)), I respectfully request a written decision of the final decision of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("Review Board") on September 25, 2025 to approve the permit application for a Certificate of Need for Project #25-012, Mt. Zion Center for Surgery.

Section 12(11) of the Planning Act allows those adversely affected by a Review Board final decision to request a written decision within 15 days after the meeting in which a final decision was made. A decision to approve a permit application is a final decision under Section 12(11) of the Planning Act and Section 1130.140 of the Review Board's regulations (77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.140). HSHS and St. Mary's are adversely affected by the decision as the permit applicants' own documentation and the project file show that the project will redirect 84% of St. Mary's outpatient orthopedic surgical cases which will result in a loss of contribution margin to St. Mary's of over \$5 million per year, imperiling the hospital's financial viability.

The requested written decision is required to identify the factors taken into consideration by the Review Board when coming to a final decision as required by

a debilitating impact on the ability of both St. Mary's and Kirby Medical Center to cross-subsidize safety net services. This should be addressed in the written decision.

The transcript of the Review Board's September 25, 2025 meeting should be included with the written decision as required by Section 12(11) of the Planning Act.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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