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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: CON Project 25-013  
Discontinuation of ICU and Obstetrics services  
OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa

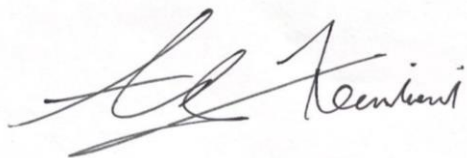
Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I write in support of the project to discontinue ICU and Obstetrics services at OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa. The discontinuations are part of the commitment made by OSF to close these services in Ottawa upon their relocation to OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru. The opening of the services in Peru will occur in August.

Centralizing ICU and Obstetrics services at OSF SEMC in Peru is essential for improving care across our region. Physicians need strong teams and peer support to provide safe, sustainable care. This consolidation fosters clinical collaboration while reducing provider burnout. A single, consolidated location enhances the quality of care by ensuring specialists maintain sharper skills through consistent patient volume. Patient safety is also strengthened with access to comprehensive diagnostic tools, multidisciplinary teams, and rapid response capabilities. Additionally, recruitment and retention of top medical talent depend on facilities that support 24/7 coverage and collaboration. Finally, consolidating services ensures efficient use of staff, equipment, and resources, directing them where they can deliver the greatest benefit to patients.

I urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the project for the discontinuations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anudeep Kommineni', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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