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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:

We are providing this letter to let you know our support for OSF Healthcare System's current commitment to adding additional services to the regional "hub hospital" for the I-80 corridor in Peru.

We previously wrote to and attended a meeting of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board in 2024 to directly support OSF Healthcare System's proposed plans for OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Peru. The hospital has since opened and was welcomed and appreciated by the constituents of the City of La Salle and neighboring communities. OSF Healthcare System's current plan also includes the addition of Obstetrics services in Peru by the end of 2025, which is greatly needed in our area.

Approximately two years ago, the Illinois Valley region suffered the loss of both St. Margaret's Health – Peru and St. Margaret's Health – Spring Valley hospitals. The closure of these hospital services left a noticeable gap in care for our communities. Notably, it was reported that roughly six hundred expected mothers regularly treated in those hospitals would have to travel much further for services, which can be dangerous in times of emergency. The loss of those life-saving services affected an approximately 28,000 resident population base between La Salle, Peru, Oglesby and Spring Valley areas. They were also utilized by communities much further away such as Mendota to the north of us and Princeton to the west of us. The area is in great need of having these essential services restored in our community.

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The City of La Salle continues to support the OSF Healthcare System's current plans to add Obstetrics services at OSF Healthcare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru this year and we believe this addition will continue to support the wider Illinois Valley region.

Respectfully,

Mayor Jeff Grove  
City of La Salle

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