

August 12, 2025

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

**Re: Letter of Support
CON Project 25-026
Discontinuation of Select Services
OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana**

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I am writing to extend my support for OSF HealthCare's proposed transformation to align services at OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana and OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville into one hospital with two campuses.

This restructuring will strategically expand the services most needed in our region, especially behavioral health. The approved addition of 10 acute mental illness beds at the Urbana campus is a critical step in addressing the growing mental health needs across east central Illinois.

Illinois faces a well-documented shortage of behavioral health beds, and OSF's plan is a meaningful step toward closing that gap. The Urbana expansion, designed to serve young adults, older adults, and patients with complex behavioral and medical needs, will improve access to care for some of our most vulnerable residents. At the same time, the reconfiguration will strengthen long-term sustainability by reducing duplication and directing resources where they can have the greatest impact.

I respectfully urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project. It represents a thoughtful and mission-driven response to the realities of modern healthcare, ensuring OSF HealthCare can continue to serve our communities with excellence, compassion, and a deep commitment to those in need of mental health support.

Sincerely,



DeShawn B. Williams
Mayor

Cc: John T. Barnhart, President, OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center
Karen Brodbeck, Director of Public Relations, OSF HealthCare
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