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Ms. Debra Savage
Chairwoman
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:

As a referring provider and community health partner in the region, I am writing in support of OSF HealthCare's proposed restructuring, which would align services between OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana and OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville into one hospital with two campuses.

We understand the restructuring includes the discontinuation of select clinical services at the Urbana campus. From our vantage point, this shift is both strategic and responsive to the evolving needs of patients across east central Illinois. We remain confident in the ability of nearby hospitals, including ours, to help absorb the transition in service volume while maintaining access and quality of care.

What's more important is what this plan makes possible. OSF's investment in expanding cardiac care at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington-Normal is especially meaningful to us as a referring provider. It increases access to advanced cardiovascular services for patients in our communities and ensures they receive expert, coordinated care without having to travel far from home.

We also support OSF's significant expansion of behavioral health services as part of this realignment. Access to comprehensive mental health care remains a pressing and growing need throughout our region, and this plan reflects a responsible, patient-centered approach to addressing those gaps.

We applaud OSF HealthCare's commitment to strengthening care coordination, reducing unnecessary duplication, and investing in critical service lines that will benefit patients and communities across the region.

Sincerely,

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