



Rickey Williams, Jr., Mayor

August 18, 2025

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:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed transformation by OSF HealthCare 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.

These changes are part of a broader restructuring that allows for the strategic expansion of services most needed in our region, especially behavioral health. Additionally, the consolidation of surgical specialists into Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville will improve access to specialty healthcare for all Vermilion County residents. This will dramatically reduce the need for unnecessary health related travel.

Our state faces a well-documented shortage of behavioral health beds, and OSF's plan helps close that gap. The expansion at Urbana, which is designed to serve young adults, older adults, and those with complex behavioral and medical needs, will increase access to care for some of our most vulnerable neighbors. This reconfiguration also enhances long-term sustainability by reducing duplication and aligning resources where they are needed most, notably, surgical specialty services in Danville.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rickey Williams, Jr.".

Rickey Williams, Jr.
Mayor, City of Danville

C: John T. Barnhart, President, OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center
Karen Brodbeck, Director of Public Relations, OSF HealthCare
Mark Hohulin, Senior Vice President, Healthcare Analytics, OSF HealthCare