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John P. Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board
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Dear Mr. Kniery,

I am writing to you today to express my support for the transition of inpatient obstetrics from Ascension Alexian Brothers to a dedicated Women and Children's hospital at Ascension St. Alexius.

Since Ascension announced its intent to transition these services, they have been transparent and open in engaging in discussions with colleagues, constituents, the community, and internal stakeholders. I am encouraged by the fact that the organization extended jobs to the Ascension Alexian Brothers nursing staff and that nearly 90 percent of these employees will be moving over to Ascension Saint Alexius. The reality is that healthcare is changing, and we have a very competitive market in the Chicagoland area. Organizations such as Ascension are tasked with making difficult decisions as they are facing unforeseen challenges.

Our northwest communities are fortunate to have two Ascension acute care hospitals and two specialty care hospitals that provide a full array of medical care and treatment. Supporting and investing in Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital to deliver specialized obstetric and neonatal intensive care will better the community and the constituents of the State of Illinois.

I appreciate your consideration in the approval of Ascension Alexian Brothers' application. If you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Springfield Office at 217-782-9463.

Sincerely,

Seth Lewis
Illinois State Senator, 24th District

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