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

I serve on Ascension Illinois Foundation Board and am the former Chairman of the Board. I am writing to you today to **extend my support** to Ascension Alexian Brothers as they pursue **the transition of inpatient obstetrics services** to Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital.

I have had the opportunity to learn about and understand the evolving dynamics of healthcare in the competitive Chicagoland market. I also understand that health systems and hospitals such as Ascension Alexian Brothers are facing steep challenges that require making decisions that help achieve long-term sustainability and support the talented teams of associates who provide exceptional care to all.

I am confident that Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital has the expertise and resources needed to be the dedicated labor and delivery center of excellence for the Northwest Suburbs.

We are fortunate our communities have two Ascension Illinois hospitals near one another. This alone allows for accessibility to the expertise of a center of excellence. Additionally, the hospitals share an electronic medical record that provides for seamless access and review of patient medical records. I am also aware that most of the labor and delivery staff will transition to Ascension Saint Alexius providing continuity of care to patients previously cared for at Ascension Alexian Brothers.

I urge the Board to approve Ascension Alexian Brother's application. Your approval ensures continued access for women across our communities to vital health resources at Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Bauwens
CEO