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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 in my capacity as Majority Caucus Whip and Illinois State Senator of the 22nd District, which includes all or part of 11 different communities located within Cook and Kane County including Hoffman Estates home to Ascension Saint Alexius. I want to extend my support for the transition of labor and delivery services to Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital in Hoffman Estates from its current location at Ascension Alexian Brothers in Elk Grove Village.

While I understand closure of inpatient obstetric services generates angst for women in our communities, the reality is that hospitals like Ascension Alexian Brothers and Ascension Saint Alexius find themselves in the position of looking to the future and planning accordingly to ensure they are able to meet the varied needs of patients well into the future.

Ascension Saint Alexius has been a great partner in extending health education, screenings and resources to the community with a special emphasis on the Hispanic community. I am encouraged by their commitment to serving all patients and confident that women across the northwest suburbs will receive high quality, culturally competent care at Ascension Women and Children's Hospital.

With this in mind, I would request the Board approve Ascension Alexian Brother's application to make this transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristina Castro".

Cristina Castro
Illinois Senate, 22nd District