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STATE SENATOR • 37TH DISTRICT

June 22, 2026

Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chair Savage:

RE: Sycamore Specialty Hospital approval to establish a long-term acute care hospital (LTACH) and inpatient rehabilitation facility

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application submitted on behalf of Sycamore Specialty Hospital for approval to establish a long-term acute care hospital and inpatient rehabilitation facility to serve Sycamore and the surrounding region.

It is my understanding that Sycamore Specialty Hospital will reopen the former 69-bed Kindred Hospital facility at 225 Edward Street in Sycamore as a 52-bed hospital offering both Long-Term Acute Care (LTACH) and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) services. Serving patients who need extended medical stabilization, ventilator weaning, complex wound care, intensive stroke rehabilitation, and recovery from traumatic injuries.

I believe that a facility of this type will provide much-needed local access to specialized post-acute care for residents in the Dekalb County area. Currently, patients are often required to travel long distances to reach facilities that may not be equipped to meet their specific medical needs. This lack of local, specialized resources can lead to discharge delays and prolonged recovery times.

I strongly support this project and believe it addresses an identified need within the community. I respectfully ask that the Board give this application its full consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Li Arellano, Jr." in a cursive script.

Li Arellano, Jr.
State Senator, 37th District

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