

June 26, 2026

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

Dear Chair Savage:

I am an internal medicine physician with experience in hospital medicine, physician leadership, hospital operations, quality improvement, and patient throughput across multiple healthcare systems. Throughout my career, I have worked to improve the quality and efficiency of inpatient care while ensuring patients receive the appropriate level of care at every stage of their recovery.

I am writing in support of the proposed establishment of Sycamore Specialty Hospital, a long-term acute care hospital to be located at 225 Edward Street, Sycamore, Illinois. The restoration of the former Kindred Hospital Sycamore as a dual-service hospital offering both long-term acute care and inpatient rehabilitation services would strengthen the continuum of care for patients throughout Northern Illinois.

From both a clinical and operational perspective, access to a long-term acute care hospital is an important component of a well-functioning healthcare system. An LTACH provides physicians with an appropriate setting for medically complex patients who require continued hospital-level treatment while improving patient flow, supporting timely transitions from acute care hospitals, and enhancing the overall continuum of care. These specialized services help ensure patients receive the right level of care while allowing acute care hospitals to better serve patients with immediate medical needs.

Based on my experience in both patient care and healthcare leadership, I believe Sycamore Specialty Hospital would become a valuable resource for physicians, hospitals, and the communities it serves by improving access to specialized care for medically complex patients.

The information in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I fully support the establishment of Sycamore Specialty Hospital.

Sincerely,
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