

June 29, 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 internist 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 planned hospital will restore and repurpose the former Kindred Hospital Sycamore to fill critical service gaps in the community. It will be a dual-service hospital offering both long-term acute care and inpatient rehabilitation services. Patients with chronic, complex, or severe medical conditions who need extended hospital-level treatment or intensive rehabilitation services currently must transfer to the Chicago suburbs or Rockford or settle for lower-acuity settings. The absence of these services locally can lead to prolonged stays in general acute care hospitals or premature discharge to a skilled nursing facility, neither of which optimally serves patients who require specialized long-term care or intensive rehabilitation. The planned hospital will enable patients to receive a higher level of rehabilitative care closer to home and improve recovery and independence, allowing them to return to the community.

Based on my experience as an internist, I regularly care for patients with chronic, complex, and medically fragile conditions whose recovery often extends beyond a traditional acute care hospitalization. Many of these individuals require ongoing physician oversight, specialized nursing care, respiratory management, wound care, and comprehensive rehabilitation before they can safely return home or transition to a lower level of care. Access to a long-term acute care hospital gives physicians an important option for patients who require continued hospital-level care during this critical stage of recovery.

I believe the reestablishment of Sycamore Specialty Hospital would strengthen the continuum of care throughout Northern Illinois by expanding access to specialized hospital-level care for patients with complex medical needs. It would provide physicians with an important option for appropriate patient placement, reduce unnecessary delays in acute care hospitals, and allow many patients to receive specialized treatment closer to their families and support systems. For these reasons, I fully support the establishment of Sycamore Specialty Hospital and believe it will become an important resource for physicians, patients, and the surrounding communities.

I fully support the establishment of Sycamore Specialty Hospital.

Sincerely,



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