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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 to express my wholehearted support for the application submitted on behalf of Sycamore Specialty Hospital seeking approval to establish a long-term acute care hospital (LTACH) and inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) to serve Sycamore and the surrounding region.

It is my understanding that Sycamore Specialty Hospital plans to reopen the former 69-bed Kindred Hospital at 225 Edward Street as a thoughtfully designed 52-bed facility offering both LTACH and IRF services. This renewed space will provide care for patients who require extended medical stabilization, ventilator weaning, complex wound treatment, intensive stroke rehabilitation, and recovery from traumatic injuries—services that are not only specialized, but deeply needed within our community.

A facility of this nature will bring compassionate, close-to-home access to post-acute care for residents throughout DeKalb County. Today, many patients must travel significant distances to reach facilities equipped to meet their unique medical needs, often resulting in delayed discharges and longer recovery periods. Having these services available locally will ease that burden for patients and families alike, offering comfort, continuity, and timely care during some of life's most challenging moments.

I strongly support this project and believe it directly addresses an important, clearly identified need in our region. I respectfully ask that the Board give this application its full and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



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