



John Rickard - Mayor

July 2, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for Sycamore Specialty Hospital, Sycamore, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Mayor Rickard, the Byron City Council and its residents, the City of Byron supports improved access to all types of needed medical care and services to support a high quality of life for our residents. The proposed Long-Term Acute Care (LTACH) and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) in the former Kindred Hospital at 225 Edward Street in Sycamore, Illinois, located within DeKalb County, Illinois would greatly improve Byron residents' access to regional specialized medical care.

Accessible LTACH and IRF facilities are currently so geographically distant for residents that it is difficult to find feasible placements. This not only affects Byron residents' access to care, but it significantly and negatively impacts their healing by reducing their access to friends and family who assist in the healing process. When people receive appropriate treatment and structured support close to home, they often return home sooner than in a non-regional medical setting.

The City of Byron respectfully encourages decision-makers to support this initiative, which would help close significant geographic service gaps for LTACH and IRF care. Expanding access to these specialized medical services is an important step toward ensuring that residents and others in the region can receive the care they need closer to home.

Sincerely,

Patricia Diduch

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City Administrator