

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 internist and hospital medicine physician with more than three decades of experience caring for hospitalized adult patients. Throughout my career, I have practiced internal medicine at hospitals including Ascension Alexian Brothers Medical Center and Ascension Saint Alexius Medical Center, where I have cared for patients with complex medical conditions requiring coordinated inpatient treatment and multidisciplinary care. My experience has given me an appreciation for the importance of ensuring patients receive care in the most appropriate setting as they transition through the continuum of care.

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 planned hospital will restore and repurpose the former Kindred Hospital Sycamore to provide both long-term acute care and inpatient rehabilitation services, helping address an important gap in healthcare services for medically complex patients throughout Northern Illinois.

In my practice, I frequently care for patients whose illnesses require extended recovery, close medical management, and a smooth transition to the next appropriate level of care following an acute hospitalization. Having access to a local long-term acute care hospital would improve discharge planning, help reduce unnecessary delays in acute care hospitals, and provide physicians with an additional resource for patients who require specialized hospital-level services beyond the traditional inpatient stay.

Based on my experience in hospital medicine, I believe Sycamore Specialty Hospital would strengthen the continuum of care for the region and improve access to specialized services for patients who would benefit from long-term acute care and comprehensive rehabilitation.

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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