

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 a pulmonologist with extensive experience caring for critically ill and medically complex patients in the hospital setting. Over the course of my career, I have cared for patients requiring prolonged respiratory support, ventilator management, and other specialized pulmonary services. I also previously served as Medical Director at the former Kindred Hospital Sycamore, giving me firsthand knowledge of the important role that long-term acute care hospitals play in the recovery of patients with complex medical needs.

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. Restoring the former Kindred Hospital Sycamore as a dual-service hospital offering both long-term acute care and inpatient rehabilitation services would fill a significant gap in the continuum of care for patients throughout Northern Illinois.

Through my experience at the Sycamore facility and in pulmonary medicine, I have seen the value that a dedicated long-term acute care hospital provides to patients who require extended hospitalization, ventilator weaning, complex respiratory management, multidisciplinary rehabilitation, and close physician oversight. Having these services available closer to home allows physicians to provide more appropriate transitions of care while reducing unnecessary burdens on patients, families, and referring hospitals.

I believe the reopening of this facility would provide a meaningful benefit to the region by improving access to specialized hospital-level care for medically complex patients and strengthening the overall healthcare system.

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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