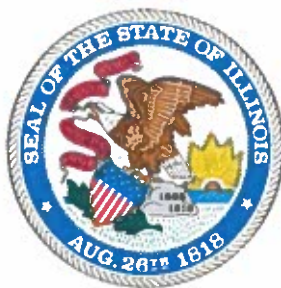


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Re: Project 26-012 Touchette Regional Hospital/SIHF Healthcare Replacement Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Touchette Regional Hospital Replacement Hospital and its Certificate of Need application. This project represents a critical investment in the health, safety, and long-term well-being of the residents of St. Clair County and the surrounding Metro East region.

For decades, Touchette Regional Hospital has served as a lifeline for communities that too often face barriers to accessing quality healthcare. As a safety-net hospital, Touchette provides essential services to individuals and families who rely on its emergency care, behavioral health programs, specialty services, and community-based outreach. The need for a modernized, efficient, and expanded facility is not only clear—it is urgent.

The replacement hospital will strengthen the region's healthcare infrastructure by improving patient capacity, enhancing clinical capabilities, and ensuring that residents have access to high-quality care close to home. This project will also support the healthcare workforce, create construction and long-term employment opportunities, and reinforce the stability of a hospital that plays a vital role in the area's economic and social fabric.

Approving this Certificate of Need will help ensure that Touchette Regional Hospital can continue fulfilling its mission for generations to come. I respectfully urge the Board to recognize the importance of this project and the positive impact it will have on the communities that depend on Touchette every day.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to strengthening healthcare access throughout Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie Meier".

Charlie Meier
IL State Representative
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