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April 20, 2026

Debra Savage, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Savage and Review Committee,

I write to express my strong support for Touchette Regional Hospital's Certificate of Need application to build a new replacement hospital in Cahokia Heights.

This 108-bed facility represents a critical investment in the health of the Metro East region. The project will significantly expand access to care, particularly in behavioral health, with 96 beds serving adult, geriatric, and adolescent patients. The addition of an adolescent behavioral health unit—the only one south of Springfield—addresses a major gap in services for young people in our state.

The new campus will also provide modern outpatient services, including emergency care, surgery, radiology, and intensive outpatient behavioral health programs, ensuring comprehensive and accessible care for the community.

Supported by state investment and local commitment, this \$231 million project will strengthen healthcare infrastructure, improve outcomes, and support economic growth. Plans to maintain select outpatient services and explore redevelopment opportunities at the current site further demonstrate a thoughtful, community-centered approach.

I respectfully urge approval of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Elik".

Amy Elik

