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Debra Savage, Chairperson
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Project 26-012 Touchette Regional Hospital/SIHF Healthcare Replacement Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing as a resident and very community involved advocate of St. Clair County. I also own property within one mile of the proposed site for the new Touchette Regional Hospital campus in Cahokia Heights, Illinois. I respectfully offer my strong support for this project and its approval.

The proposed development represents a significant and much-needed investment in the health and stability of our community. Access to quality healthcare services is a critical component of community well-being, and the planned 108-bed facility will help ensure that residents in Cahokia Heights and surrounding areas receive timely, modern, and comprehensive care close to home. The inclusion of emergency, surgical, and outpatient services will greatly enhance the region's healthcare infrastructure and accessibility.

Of particular importance is the expansion of behavioral health services. The addition of an adolescent behavioral health unit, identified as the only one south of Springfield, demonstrates a forward-thinking approach to meeting the needs of vulnerable populations, especially youth who often face limited access to appropriate care.

From a community perspective, this project has the potential to create a meaningful and lasting impact. Cahokia Heights has faced socioeconomic challenges for many years, and investments of this magnitude can serve as a catalyst for positive change. The development of a modern healthcare campus will not only improve health outcomes but may also contribute to economic growth, job creation, and increased stability in the surrounding area. As a nearby property owner and community advocate, I view this project as a constructive step toward strengthening the community and enhancing overall quality of life.

In closing, I strongly support the approval of Project 26-012 and appreciate your consideration of its importance to the residents of St. Clair County and the Cahokia Heights community.

Sincerely,

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