

February 24, 2026

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital CON

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

We are writing to express our support for the proposed renovation project for Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital ("SDCMH").

Like SDCMH, McDonough District Hospital (MDH) has long served the health needs of Western Illinois. As a rural hospital, MDH is also committed to providing high-quality care close to home. Although we operate without the breadth of resources available to larger urban systems, we care for patients with the same complex medical needs and health concerns, providing access to that care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. By strengthening our capabilities, we help ensure that patients in our region can continue receiving safe, compassionate, and comprehensive care without being forced to travel long distances for services that should be accessible locally.

SDCMH's facilities, most of which were built over 50 years ago, struggle to meet the demands of modern medicine. The existing size and structure limit the scope of services available and hinder the delivery of efficient, high-quality care.

The new facility will allow SDCMH to keep pace with advancements in medical technology while expanding the range of procedures that can be offered locally. This is especially important as the population ages and the need for accessible, nearby healthcare is growing more urgent. Many residents currently face the burden of traveling over an hour outside their region for necessary procedures; an unnecessary hardship that can delay care and worsen outcomes.

Approving this project will ensure that Schuyler County residents, and surrounding communities, can continue to receive timely, comprehensive care close to home.

We respectfully urge you to support and approve this important project.

Sincerely,



William Murdock, President and Chief Executive Officer
McDonough District Hospital

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