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April 30, 2026

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

Re: Support for Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital, Project No. 26-013

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I am writing in full support of Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital's proposal to modernize its Surgical Department and to make other important infrastructure improvements. As the State Representative for the 99th District, I am deeply committed to advancing access to high-quality healthcare for all residents of Western Illinois.

The current primary clinical area of the hospital building was constructed in 1952, over 70 years ago, and is in need of improvements to meet modern standards. There is no other hospital geographically close for Schuyler County residents. Patients needing to access care would need to travel considerable distances to another hospital. SDCMH works collaboratively with other Western Illinois hospitals who share the challenges of rural health. I am pleased that this project has support from many of these hospitals and physician groups.

Rural communities across the U.S. experience persistent medical underservice, documented by federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Area (MUA) designations. The environmental and geographic traits that define the SDCMH market area encompass vast agricultural landscapes and long travel distances between towns, creating natural barriers to timely healthcare access.

This Project would provide several benefits to Western Illinois and Schuyler County in particular. It would allow the hospital to remain a viable health care provider for the future as it would support high quality surgical services for the area. It will also be a tool to recruit more physician services and increase access to healthcare in the region.

I respectfully urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing dedication to supporting community health across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle A. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kyle A. Moore