



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:

I am writing on behalf of QMG physicians to express our support for the proposed renovation project for Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital ("SDCMH").

Like SDCMH, our organization has long served the health needs of Western Illinois. Founded in 1937, Quincy Medical Group (QMG) is a physician-owned, multi-specialty clinic rooted in the tri-state region it proudly serves. Bringing together more than 190 physicians and advanced practice providers across 35 medical and surgical specialties, QMG serves nearly half a million residents within a 75-mile radius spanning Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. Approaching 90 years later, the organization remains dedicated to strengthening the health of the communities it calls home.

Providing health care in rural areas is challenging and likely to become more so. We are proud that Western Illinois hospitals and QMG providers work collaboratively, rather than competitively, to meet our residents' health care needs. 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. In true partnership QMG surgeons have been serving Rushville area patients (onsite) for years and helping to grow the need for surgical expansion.

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.

QMG respectfully urges you to support and approve this important project.

Sincerely,

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