



TERRI BRYANT
STATE SENATOR
58TH SENATE DISTRICT

April 14, 2026

Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for Deaconess Illinois Medical Center CON for Inpatient Obstetric Care Service

Dear Chair Savage,

Access to maternity care is not a luxury – it is a necessity. In Southern Illinois, too many families are traveling excessive distances or delaying care altogether. Maternity care deserts are far too common in our region of the state.

The Deaconess project directly addresses these gaps by restoring services in a region that has experienced significant service discontinuations and facility closures. It is a thoughtful, efficient use of an existing facility and will provide much-needed relief to overburdened hospitals nearby.

I strongly support this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Terri Bryant".

Terri Bryant
State Senator
Assistant Minority Leader
58th District