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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
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Dear Chair Savage:

The need for expanded obstetric services in southern Illinois is both clear and urgent. I am writing to express my support for the CON that would enable these proposed services at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion.

Increasing access to obstetric care will not only improve maternal and infant health outcomes but also provide reassurance and stability for families in our community. Ensuring that patients can receive care close to home is essential for both medical and emotional well-being.

I support this project and respectfully urge its approval.

Regards,

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