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Re: Support for Deaconess Illinois Medical Center CON

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

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I am writing in support of Deaconess Illinois Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to provide inpatient obstetric care services. The limitation of maternity services in Southern Illinois places unnecessary strain and risk on expectant mothers and their newborns.

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Restoring these services to Marion will significantly improve access to timely and appropriate care, allowing patients to remain closer to home and their support systems during pregnancy and delivery. In addition to improving health outcomes, this expansion will help reduce the financial burden associated with long-distance travel for care.

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This initiative is a vital step toward strengthening our regional healthcare infrastructure, and I encourage its approval.

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Sincerely,


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