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RE: Crossroads Community Hospital  
Letter of Support for Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie,

This is a letter of support for the Crossroads Community Hospital (CCH) expansion to build a new patient tower. This project is vital to advance the role of CCH in our region to meet the needs of our area residents. This expansion will bring the facility up to contemporary standards and provide private patient rooms that are so important for current treatments, privacy, comfort, and higher patient care standards.

Besides the talented physicians they attract to our area, and the high value jobs they create, CCH is an important community partner. They have extensive outreach programs to educate residents in our region through their Healthy Woman program and Senior Circle.

Crossroads Community Hospital is the fourth largest employer in Jefferson County providing stable, living wage jobs as well as career advancement opportunities for our workforce. And, they are a valued partner of the Jefferson County Development Corporation. As our local businesses grow and as we attract new businesses to our region, it is imperative that we have advanced medical services to support our regional industry and workforce. It is important to us for them to be able to expand and grow their business in our region.

We urge you to support this project and award the Certificate of Need to Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ellen Bechtel*

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Cc: Ed Cunningham



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RE: Project #010-056

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I would like to take this opportunity to show my full support for Crossroads Community Hospital's new patient tower addition—Project #010-056.

Crossroads Community Hospital plays a very important role in addressing the health care needs of area residents. This project will assist Crossroads in their mission to provide excellent health care by modernizing the hospital and by providing private rooms to patients for privacy and infection control.

Crossroads Community Hospital has been very successful in recruiting new physicians to our community. Crossroads is also a major employer in our area and the employees are well trained, caring individuals that provide excellent service to their patients and their families.

Crossroads Community Hospital has a long history in the Mt. Vernon community so; I appreciate any consideration you can give to their project to ensure that they have an excellent facility to continue serving the constituents of my district.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

John O. Jones  
Illinois State Senator  
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Mr. Dale Galassi, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Galassi,

It is indeed a privilege to write to you about a project in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, concerning Project #010-056 and Crossroads Community Hospital. Crossroads has been an important part of the community for several decades and has served this community with a quality of healthcare that is second to none. A proposed addition to this facility would be beneficial to this area and to the hospital staff in their continued efforts to provide quality and timely medical care. Privacy would be addressed in this new addition and also a change to a more contemporary design. These changes would be beneficial in the recruiting of staff to include highly qualified physicians and nurses to continue the high standards set by the founders of Crossroads so many years ago.

Crossroads Community Hospital is a major employer within the area and tax-paying business in both employee payroll and the property tax area which provides funds for the county and city. In a time of high unemployment as we now face, Crossroads has continued to maintain and increase staff within our county and the Southern Illinois area, which is also helpful in addressing this very difficult issue.

The management at Crossroads Community Hospital is also involved in every facet of this community and the surrounding area to include education and has carved a place in our area that would be difficult to replace.

It is my opinion that the suggested tower addition and the additional capacity is necessary for Crossroads to continue the medical care needed by this community and the surrounding area for the near and far future. As medical care and procedures advance through research and development, Crossroads Hospital is now and should continue to be in the forefront of excellent medical care. This addition will insure that Crossroads Community Hospital is ready to face any medical challenge that may come their way.

Approval of this request is highly recommended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ted Buck".

Ted Buck, Chairman  
Jefferson County Board

TB/sat

cc: Ed Cunningham, Crossroads Community Hospital

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Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Re: Project No. 010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I have been a physician in Mt. Vernon since 1982, after graduating from the University of Illinois.

This letter is in support of the above-mentioned project concerning the renovation of Crossroads Community Hospital. This upgrade will allow me to care for my patients in an up-to-date, modern, contemporary hospital in our own community. Replacing our semi-private rooms with private rooms will allow for family privacy and improved infection control and cleanliness in a setting that will be more conducive for patient care. I feel our hospital has always provided excellent care. However, the image of the hospital as being an outdated facility that in the past had been a nursing home does influence some patients to seek medical care elsewhere rather than giving us a chance as their community hospital to provide this care. The hospital is requesting to modernize and provide private rooms in an attractive setting that will improve patient confidence that their medical care can be provided in our community.

An updated facility will also facilitate recruitment of new physicians and subsequently add further services for our patients and our community. I would like to give my full enthusiastic support to this project, and I plan to continue using Crossroads as my hospital of choice.

Sincerely,

*David A. Kelley MD*  
David A. Kelley, M.D.  
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# Eddie Joe Marks Jefferson County Coroner

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Re: Project #010-056

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Dear Mr. Galassie,

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It is with great pride that I am writing this letter in support of Crossroads Community Hospital.

There are so many reasons that Crossroads Community Hospital needs to be remodeled, updated, & modernized, as in (but not limited to), a major health facility for our residents & surrounding communities, & a major employer in recruiting new physicians to our community, providing private rooms to patients for patient and family privacy, infection control, and contemporary standards. It needs to have the important role of addressing & servicing health care needs of area residents.

Crossroads is my Hospital of choice. I have been a patient, & as I recommend it to others they either see it as old fashion, cold, & basically outdated. And some services (as in, heart surgery) are not available. But those who have been a patient are impressed & comment about the good care & that the Nurses, Doctors, & other employees, & administration are professional & personable.

I believe with this project that Crossroads Community Hospital can be the **Primary Hospital** for our community as opposed to the secondary. It has the essentials CEO & Employees, & location, it now needs the building & inside updating.

I have seen working interaction between the CEO & his employees & the great relationship between them, & he gives all the "good works" credit to the employees and of course, they give him the credit of a personable & intelligent boss. Never the less, it's impressive as to how they all work together for the good of the people that they serve.

I am proud to speak from the view of patient, citizen, & business associate. I do believe that modern outward appearance of the facility will create a greater response for service.

Sincerely,

Eddie Joe Marks

Jefferson County Coroner

John Walker  
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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I have recently returned "home" to Southern Illinois after retiring from a very rewarding career in the United States Navy. Due to my experience, work record, and graduate degree from Webster University (which incidentally was partially taught by yourself at the Deerfield campus back in the 1996-1998 time frame), I was pleased to find my services in demand at multiple facilities in the area. I chose to work at Crossroads Community Hospital due to their reputation for providing quality health care to the citizens of Southern Illinois. The hospital also serves as a major employer of multiple health care professions and is extremely active in supporting the local community.

Project #010-056 will allow the facility to continue to be a beacon of healthcare for this area. I, along with so many residents of the area, am very excited about the construction. I am writing to express how much we desire your support on this integral issue. Please let me know how I can assist in making sure that this project moves forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



John Walker  
Staff Development Director and Risk Manager

Sam White  
#8 Doctors Park  
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Dear Mr. Galassie:

As a citizen of Southern Illinois and an employee of Crossroads Community Hospital I am excited with the proposed construction a new patient tower. Crossroads Community Hospital has proven to be a dedicated member of the healthcare community of Mt. Vernon and Southern Illinois. The hospital has been very successful in recruiting physicians of varying specialties to an underserved area.

The new patient tower will provide many benefits including improved patient safety features, infection control measures, improved patient access and all private rooms that will afford patients and there families the ability to receive care in a more therapeutic environment.

Please let me know how I can assist in making sure that this project moves forward.

Sincerely,



Sam White  
Chief Quality Officer

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Dear Mr. Dale Galassie,

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As Director of Cardiopulmonary Services and Sleep Center at Crossroads Community Hospital, I would like to voice my support on the new patient tower addition. We see many patients day in and day out, some are our old regulars and some new faces. I see it very important to present an updated facility for them to come to during their most vulnerable of times.

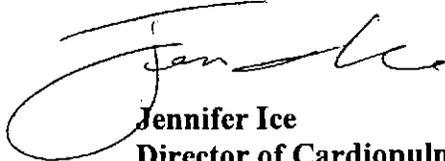
Not only is it the comfort, care, and compassion a patient will receive during their hospital stay at Crossroads Community Hospital that makes them feel at ease, but being able to have the modern amenities of a private room to give them a sense of home. The home like atmosphere of a private room will provide the infection control needed for a more speedy recovery as well. Preventing our patients from incurring any more infection while in our hospital is a number one priority.

Being able to help with the health care needs in our community is another area that takes precedence at Crossroads Community Hospital. We view having a friendly, caring facility makes our patients relax a little more when coming in. The new tower addition will make our building have a more location friendly lay out for our patients.

With the advantages I have mentioned as well as so many others, we cannot go wrong placing the patient tower at Crossroads Community Hospital. We have had such a long standing history in the community and surrounding areas that we want to provide the best for our patients and their families who have brought us to the point we are today. We may only get better as we move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my endorsement for this addition.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ice  
Director of Cardiopulmonary Services and Sleep Center  
Crossroads Community Hospital

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IN RE: Project #010-056-Crossroads Community Hospital

Dear Mr. Galassie:

On behalf of the City of Mt Vernon I would like to express my total support for and request your favorable consideration of the referenced project. This project will assist in addressing health care needs to the residents of Mt Vernon and Jefferson County. In addition to the many job opportunities this project represents, the proposed expansion at Crossroads will assist in our ability to attract new medical practitioners to Mt Vernon and aid in our efforts to establish Mt Vernon as a regional medical center for Southern Illinois.

Crossroads Community Hospital has a long history of providing quality health care to the area and has been following their long range plan for improvements. The new patient tower addition will update and modernize the current facility.

We would appreciate your support for project #010-056. Please feel free to call me at (618)242-6802 if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Chesley, Mayor

Cc: M. Edward Cunningham

**HEARLAND RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES**  
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Re: Project #010-056

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Dear Chairman Galassie,

I am writing this letter to support the patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital also known as project #010-056.

I have been a physician in Mt. Vernon for approximately 20 years. The addition to Crossroads is needed to address the healthcare needs of area residents. Crossroads provides an alternative to catholic healthcare. Women can have a tubal ligation here and no other facility in the area offers that choice. It also provides for infertility workups for women in the area, which is again, against catholic healthcare. As a woman, I find this bothersome considering tax dollars are used to pay for some of the needs of patients but Good Samaritan, the competing institution does not recognize this.

The hospital's success in recruiting new physicians to the community hinges on the ability to have a modern facility with up-to-date equipment to provide adequate healthcare. My parents and myself and my family have all been patients at Crossroads Hospital and we are very happy with the care it provides. We do recognize however that there is a need to modernize the hospital. You may be aware that JACHO has insisted that Crossroads change some of the physical plant structures of the hospital. The hospital's history is that it was a nursing home and halls and doorway widths are not wide enough to meet the needs of JACHO standards.

Additionally, Crossroads is a taxpayer in this community. It does support community projects for donations, but more importantly it is a major employer and tax base for the community. Good Samaritan is a not for profit hospital that does not pay tax.

Additionally with rates of infection and awareness of modern healthcare, private rooms are needed for patient and family safety and for infection control.

Your support is appreciated. I originally came from Connecticut to the Midwest to be where I was needed as a physician. This area is not a prosperous region. We have many patients that are subsidized with Medicare and Medicaid. We need your help to provide adequate health care for the patients of southern Illinois. Please support project #010-056.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Freschuk-Bahn, Chief of Radiology  
Crossroads hospital  
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Re: Project # 010-656  
**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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Dear Mr. Galassie:

This letter is written in support of Crossroads Community Hospital, Mt. Vernon, IL, and their application to construct contemporary hospital facilities so as to better serve Jefferson County Illinois and surrounding communities.

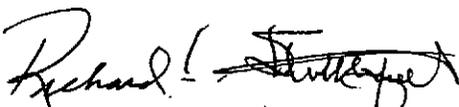
Crossroads Hospital is presently housed in a revamped/remodeled nursing home facility, which does not lend itself to convenient inpatient and/or outpatient care. For example, the hospital laboratory is located in a separate building from both outpatient registration and the radiology department. A more updated facility would place those key areas of patient service in a more patient-friendly environment.

The present hospital facility lacks the space for inpatient private rooms and family privacy. The hospital intensive care unit is currently located off a hallway between general patient care rooms and the radiology department. A more modern facility would provide for the ICU to be isolated from these areas and better ensure a safeguard for the public against infectious diseases which may be being treated in the ICU.

Crossroads Hospital has a long history in the Jefferson County community, is a major employer in Southern Illinois, has a full staff of qualified physicians, provides quality patient care, and is well integrated in the community and community service.

For the aforesaid reasons, I request that you act positively on Crossroads Hospital's request for a new patient tower addition.

Respectfully,



Richard L. Stubblefield, Retired Educator

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Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing to you with my full support for the new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital, Project #010-056.

I am excited to see Crossroads Community Hospital expanding to meet the needs of their patients and the Mt. Vernon community. I have heard many positive experiences from my patients that have been admitted to this hospital. This facility has been an important part of the community for many years. It has also provided great employment for our growing community.

I think it is very important that this addition will allow for more privacy to my patients. Privacy is a key factor to my young patients and their families. It not only makes them more comfortable but in turn also makes the healing process faster and the hospital experience a good one.

I look forward to the future of Crossroads Community Hospital and all the benefits that it will bring to the people of Mt. Vernon.

Sincerely,



Evelyn B. Yu MD,  
Pediatrician

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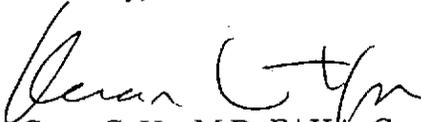
I am writing to you with my strong support for Project #010-056, the new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital.

I have been in practice for several years and am affiliated with Crossroads Community Hospital. This hospital has been here in the Mt. Vernon community for more than 30 years. It is not only a major employer to our community but it has also been very successful. Crossroads was named one of the top 100 hospitals in the area for 3 years in a row. I have had many patients that have had pleasant experiences with the care that they have received there. This hospital has also been successful in bringing new physicians to our area, giving our community local access to specialty physicians that the patients need.

Crossroads Community Hospital is in great need of this new addition. I think it is an important step forward to move up from a nursing home image, to a facility that is more modernized and contemporary. Privacy is a very important factor to patients when choosing a hospital. Crossroads is in serious need of private rooms, not only to make patients more comfortable, but also to keep the infections under control.

I am excited to see Crossroads Community Hospital move forward with this much needed addition. It will be of great benefit to the patients and community of Mt. Vernon.

Sincerely,



Cesar G. Yu, M.D. FAHA, Cardiologist

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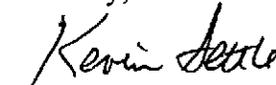
I am writing this letter to support the new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital (Project #010-056). Crossroads is an important institution in our community, and the new addition will not only improve the hospital services but its image as well.

Crossroads provides important health care needs of area residents and has a long history in our community. I have personally used Crossroads services twice in the past year. Although the care provided by the doctors, nurses, and staff is outstanding, it appears to me that the facility needs to be modernized.

The administrators at Crossroads are very active in our community and support projects through the hospital and on their own. They definitely give back to the Mount Vernon community.

The patient tower addition will provide a new image for Crossroads. This image will promote the climate of professionalism, compassion, and expert health services that already exists.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Settle  
Superintendent  
KS:jm

*Our vision: Always seeking, always learning*

August 30, 2010

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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RE: Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie,

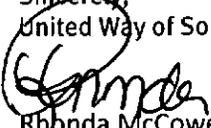
I am writing you in support of the expansion of Crossroads Community Hospital with a proposed new patient tower addition. I am certain you are already aware that Crossroads Community Hospital plays such a valuable and necessary role as that of one of our community's strongest leaders and provider of health care needs for our area residents. They also serve as a major employer for not only our town but our region and they are a major supporter of our community's health and human services sector, civic and local businesses and individuals. Crossroads Community Hospital's presence in our community helps to keep us all strong, safe, healthy and stable.

Over many years now Crossroads has experienced tremendous patient growth, has been very successful in recruiting new physicians to our community and has successfully reached their potential given their limited logistical space. This growth while welcomed by all has stretched their current facility and location to its limits. They have added on to the facility to best extent possible and now comes the time for them to "grow up"! The hospital already has a wonderful reputation for providing excellent patient care, however they need the opportunity to improve even greater on that care by modernizing the hospital; to update its historical image and perception so that they are never again reminded of their humble beginnings of that of a nursing home but instead can celebrate that they are a hospital that is a modern, contemporary and a "state of the art" facility.

We need Crossroads Community Hospital to be vital and strong. They need to expand in order to continue to meet the needs of our community. Crossroads Community Hospital represents the best of Mt. Vernon, Illinois and is a shining, necessary partner in our community. I am confident you will agree that they deserve to finally to look like the role that they already play.

Mr. Galassie, on behalf of our community, please provide your approval and support to this project.

Sincerely,  
United Way of South Central Illinois

  
Rhonda McCowen  
Executive Director

Cc: M. Edward Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer

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Re: Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie:

It is my privilege to write to you a letter of support of the new addition to Crossroads Community Hospital, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Vernon Illinois.

Crossroads has been a Community Partner and Corporate Citizen of Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County for decades, and recently announced a planned expansion, furthering Crossroads footprint in quality healthcare in Southern Illinois. The role of Crossroads Hospital in addressing the needs of our residents is second to none, so much so that the hospital is bursting at the seams, and is in need of expansion to modernize the hospital into a more contemporary design, providing patients with privacy, and safe and effective healthcare with contemporary standards.

Crossroads Hospital is one of the largest employers in the County, and continues to recruit and staff the highest quality Physicians and employees in Southern Illinois. Upon the updating of the facility to move away from the nursing home image, I can only expect Crossroads will be a valuable piece of the bridge connecting all of the Midwest to quality healthcare while still keeping up their important role in the Community we call home.

Once again, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, it is my pleasure to send you my support of the new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital. Should you have any questions I may be able to answer, please feel free to call me at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,

**Brandon Bullard, Executive Director**  
Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce  
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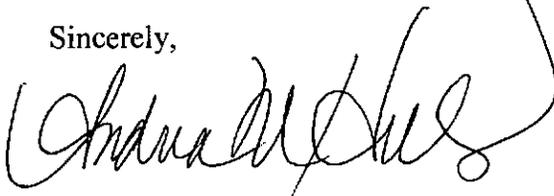
Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing you in regard to project #010-056, which is the proposed addition of the new patient tower at Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Crossroads Community Hospital plays an important role in addressing the healthcare needs of area residents. The care that residents receive at Crossroads is outstanding. The long-standing facility has been an important part of the community for many years, but frankly it needs a facelift.

The current facility needs to be modernized in order to best meet the needs of the modern patient and physician. Modernizing the hospital will improve patient privacy, since all rooms will house single patients. This will also reduce the risk of infection across patients. Updating the facility will enable the hospital to continue to improve their standards of patient care.

We must all move forward in order not to fall behind. This is an important project for the people of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. I appreciate your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Andrea M. Hills

cc: M. Edward Cunningham

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Mr. Galassie,

I wanted to send a letter of support for project #010-056 in Mt. Vernon, IL. Crossroads Hospital has been a part of Mount Vernon for many years now and is a major employer and community supporter. However, the need for improvements and modernizations has become apparent so as to maintain competitive advantages and to keep pace with ever increasing regulations.

This new addition to Crossroads Hospital will bring additional employment opportunities to an area of Illinois in desperate need of them. Additionally, our community is in great need of additional physicians. And this hospital has had great success in doing just that.

Please carefully consider giving your full support to this project. Thanks in advance.

Professionally,



Eric Black R.Ph

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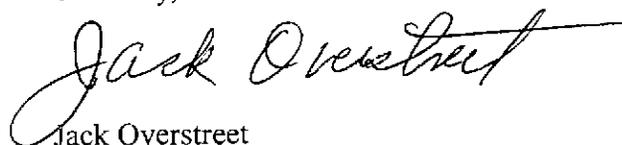
Re: Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie:

My wife and I moved to Mt. Vernon from Tennessee in 1964. I had been appointed as state manager for a life insurance organization. Until retiring in 1999, I spent time in almost every community in Illinois south of Springfield. My wife worked 26 years at Mt. Vernon Township High School and retired as business manager and treasurer. Both of us, along with our sons, have been and still are active in the community.

I am very familiar with Crossroads Hospital, its history, its competent leadership, and the skilled personnel. Both my wife and I have been patients or have had procedures at Crossroads, and we were very pleased with the care, efficiency, and professionalism shown to us. The hospital is a major employer in the area and has been very successful in recruiting new physicians to our community. The proposed expansion would help to modernize the hospital and make it more contemporary. It would also provide private rooms to patients for patient and family privacy and aid in infection control. Our entire area would benefit from the expansion by providing more choices in health care.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Overstreet

cc: M. Edward Cunningham  
Chief Executive Officer

August 28, 2010

Reference: Project #010-056

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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities  
And Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
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Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing you in support of Project #010-056, Crossroads Community Hospital's proposed new Patient Tower addition.

As the former Mayor of Mt. Vernon and my fifteen years serving on the Mt. Vernon City Council, I can assure you that Crossroads Community Hospital has a long, positive history of addressing the health care needs of the citizens of Mt. Vernon and our surrounding area.

Crossroads' and its continuing success is extremely vital to our community, as they are one of Mt. Vernon's Top Ten Employers.

In addition, I have had the opportunity the utilize Crossroads' facility and the care given by both the Doctor and Staff was exceptional.

With the opening of our second I-57 Interchange and Mt. Vernon's future growth, Crossroads needs to be on the cutting edge, by both modernizing and updating its' facility.

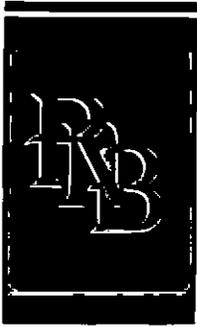
Again, I would highly recommend that Project #010-056 be approved.

Please contact me at 618-316-9502, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



David E. Keen  
Former Mayor  
City of Mt. Vernon



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September 3, 2010

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facility  
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525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Dale Galassie  
Crossroads Community Hospital – Project #010-056

I am writing to you today as a community supporter, Board Member, and as a past patient of Crossroads Community Hospital.

Our Crossroads Hospital plays a vital roll in providing outstanding health care to the members of our Jefferson County Community and surrounding area. The hospital doctors, nurses, and other health care providers are well respected and needed.

There is a need however, that our hospital update and improve the physical plant. There have been improvements made to the facility over the past 10 years, but more are needed.

We need our facility to be more modernized to make it more contemporary, provide private rooms for patients and provide enhanced infection control.

Crossroads Community Hospital is also a major employer of our Jefferson County area. A updated, improved hospital will not only be more attractive to the residents of our area, but also will help in recruiting new physicians to our community.

In summary, I am a strong advocate of project #010-056. Please strongly consider this opportunity to improve health care and provide increased employment to our area.

Sincerely

Mark F. Kabat  
Community Bank President



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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
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Re: Project #010-056

September 20, 2010

Dear Mr. Dale Galassie,

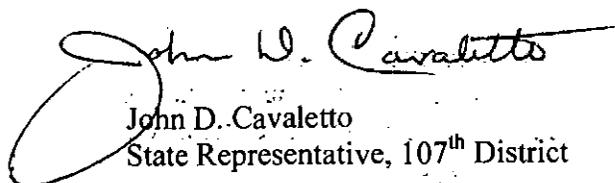
I write to you today in support of the new patient tower addition for Crossroad Community Hospital, Project #010-056.

Crossroads provides important patient care for our area residents. They are a vital part of our community. Crossroads has played a large roll in the healthcare of our citizens for several years. Standards of healthcare have increased exponentially during this time. The growing expectation for patient care also demands the need for modernization of facilities. This modernization lends itself to not only meet the desire for patient privacy but also the control of infection control.

The other positive aspect of expanding facilities is increasing the appeal to recruit new physicians to our area. Crossroads is one of the leading employers of our region and has the potential to provide more job opportunities. Jefferson County currently faces a 9.6% unemployment rate. The possibility of new jobs to our area is a key to sustaining our way of life.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this project. I support Crossroads expansion as far as needed to help better the healthcare opportunities for my constituents.

Sincerely,

  
John D. Cavaletto  
State Representative, 107<sup>th</sup> District

Cc: Mr. M. Edward Cunningham, CEO Crossroads

SOLOMON G. APOSTOL, M.D., F.A.C.P.

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Dear MR. GALASSIE:

My name is DR. SOLOMON G. APOSTOL, a practicing internist here in MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS. I am affiliated with CROSSROADS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL here in Mt. Vernon and, recently, I am aware of a plan to construct a new patient tower addition to the present hospital facility. It would be a great realization to see this tower addition come to fruition for several reasons: first, it will provide private rooms to patients for patient (and family) privacy as well as infection control. Secondly, it will modernize the hospital and make it more contemporary, thus, updating it from a nursing home image that it has projected since it came to be in 1985. This hospital has been a key player in addressing the health care needs of MT. VERNON and surrounding areas, and has been a major employer in the area since it came to be in 1985. I have been affiliated with CROSSROADS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL since the fall of 1988 and have enjoyed my practice working with the hospital. I hope and pray that you would consider the approval of the certificate of need required to make this beautiful project a reality.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



SOLOMON G. APOSTOL, M.D.



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RE: Project # 010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Please allow me to express my strong support for the New Patient Tower Addition to Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL.

The importance of this project cannot be overstated. There are a number of factors that I would like to mention to you;

1. Crossroads Community Hospital has an outstanding reputation in this area for excellence in healthcare.
2. The healthcare of the residents of this area will be considerably enhanced with this new state of the art facility.
3. The hospital will be able to attract and retain more highly qualified physicians due to the new facilities.
4. The economic impact will be very positive for Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County and will further position Mt. Vernon as the epicenter of healthcare in Southern Illinois.

I hope you will consider the above in making your determination. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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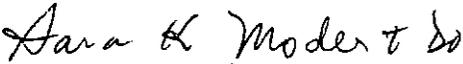
Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing to support the Certificate of Need for Project #010-056 the patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois. The proposal includes all single patient rooms both to improve infection control and confidentiality. The current double rooms at Crossroads Community Hospital are very small, cramped spaces that only allow the beds and a chair for each patient. The old patient wings do not conform to current standards and are in need of upgrade.

I am confident you are receiving many comments regarding the high level of commitment that the hospital's owner, Community Health Systems, has to this hospital and to this community. I also see the support that Community Health Systems has had and continues to have for this hospital and community. I see this from my perspective as a physician staff member and as a member of the Crossroads community Hospital's Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Sara K. Modert, D.O.



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Sept 22, 2010

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities  
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525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #010-056

Mr. Galassie,

I have been a lifelong resident of Jefferson County and would like to express the needs regard the above noted project.

This facility is not only my place of employment but is also a needed facility in the community as well as those outside the city limits that have chosen to support Crossroads Community Hospital over the past decades.

The hospital is in need of updates not only for the facial structural standpoint but also from a community perception. Making these improvements will allow the community to have a more contemporary facility, offering private rooms for patients and their families during their stay.

This would also be a factor with the success in recruiting new physicians to our community.

As an employee, I have heard firsthand the continued positive experiences related to the care provided at Crossroads and proud to be a part of this facility.

Your consideration and positive action for this project is greatly appreciated.

Respectively

Vicki Walker  
Market Practice Manager  
Crossroads Physician Corporation

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September 21, 2010

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities  
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525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am taking this time to jot you this note as a resident at Mt. Vernon, Illinois as well as attending surgeon at Crossroads Community Hospital. I believe it is important to continue the role of Crossroads Community Hospital in the Mt. Vernon community. I have been here seven years and during that time I have come to learn that the community can support and in fact needs two competing medical facilities.

The physical plant of Crossroads Community Hospital is in need of modernization, especially relating to private rooms for the patients and their family. In addition, private rooms are certainly an asset to minimize hospital-acquired infections as well as meeting contemporary standards.

As you know, Crossroads Community Hospital is a major employer in this area and over the past three years our critiques have been improving whether it be the emergency room, intensive care, or general medical surgical nursing areas. It must also be noted that our volumes and patient encounters continue to increase yearly.

Our service area in Jefferson and the eight collar counties vary from ninety thousand to two hundred fifty thousand, depending on who is quoted but certainly the surrounding communities don't have full service hospitals with a twenty-four emergency room and intensive care unit facilities.

I highly recommend the building of a new Crossroads Community Hospital with no reservation.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. I will be glad to communicate with you if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Hollander", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lawrence Hollander, M.D., F.A.C.S.  
Senior Attending Surgeon, Emeritus, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare.  
Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery, Emeritus  
University of Health Sciences Chicago Medical School

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525 West Jefferson  
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RE: Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am honored to submit this letter of support on behalf of the new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital.

The Housing Authority of Jefferson County is a service provider for 467 families residing in affordable housing located throughout Jefferson County. We have tenants with medical needs and have received feedback that there is a variety of local places to treat their conditions and they are grateful it is not necessary to travel to a larger city to receive medical care. The new patient addition will further increase this availability.

Our agency serves low-income families that are in desperate need of good, stable jobs. Crossroads Community Hospital is a viable employer and the addition to the facility will create more career opportunities for our tenants.

The new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital will be an economic boost to the community as well as an asset to the medical field.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom Upchurch'.

Tom Upchurch  
Executive Director

Pc: M. Edward Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer

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Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facility  
Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 010-456

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am in support of Project 010-456 for multiple reasons. The most important reason includes the necessity of continuing to provide excellent patient care to the patients in the Mt. Vernon area that Crossroads has served for years and years. The facility is getting quite aged. We need to make sure that we have private rooms especially with the increasing difficulty we have with c-dif. and other things that require increased isolation of patients. I think that if the hospital <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>to</sup> continue to be successful in the Mt. Vernon area and to continue to be a major employer in this area we need an updated patient tower to continue to provide excellent care to the patients in the Mt. Vernon area. I think the patient care is excellent presently at Crossroads but the facility is aging and deteriorating over time and does need to be updated.

I would appreciate your support regarding the project as outlined. If you have further questions do not hesitate to ask. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Wm. Dean Huffstutler, M.D.  
WDH:lr



# Community First Bank of the Heartland

September 27, 2010

Mr Dale Galassie, Chairman

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #010-056 New Patient Tower-Crossroads Community Hospital

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Dear Mr. Galassie,

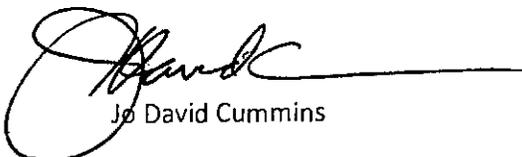
I wanted to send you my letter of support for the proposed new patient tower addition to Crossroads Community Hospital. Our community is blessed to have a hospital such as Crossroads, willing to make a financial commitment to our community which will serve Jefferson County and Mt. Vernon for many years to come.

Crossroads Community Hospital has been serving the health care needs of our area for many years and this expansion will allow them to better serve those patients into the future. Crossroads has been a great partner for the City of Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County for many years and the modernization of the hospital is needed to continue to meet the health care needs of our community. Modernization of the hospital will bring more private rooms for patients, better infection control and up to date standards necessary to provide top health care to patients.

Crossroads Community Hospital is also one of the economic engines serving our area and is a major employer in our market. The expansion will continue to allow for successful recruitment of physicians along with ancillary support services necessary to support a growing hospital. With today's economic environment, this addition will provide much needed economic support to our community.

Mr Galassie, thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed project for our community. We are all hopeful that the project approval will be forthcoming as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Jo David Cummins

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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
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Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

This letter supports the application of Crossroads Community Hospitals to construct a new patient tower at their facility in Mt. Vernon.

Crossroads community currently provides important health services to our citizens and substantial economic impact to the greater Mt. Vernon area. The hospitals new project has overwhelming local support and their facility must be improved to remain competitive. This new investment in Mt. Vernon will encourage new physicians and other health care providers to re-locate to our rural community.

Crossroads Hospital provides first class patient care. I have been a surgery patient at the Mt. Vernon facility and can attest to the outstanding level of health care I received during my procedure and following recovery. The hospital has a professional management team and their employees are dedicated to its continuing success. The hospital is a taxpaying citizen and a true asset to our community.

As a businessman with 40+ years of experience I am confident that Crossroads proposed new investment is much needed and will improve area health care.

Very truly yours,



Michael A. Alexander

**JACQUES PAPAIZIAN, M.D., F.R.C.S. (C)**

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September 29, 2010

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities  
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525 West Jefferson  
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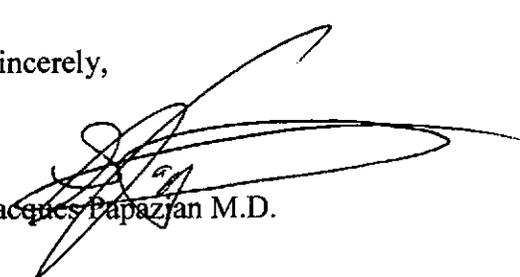
RE: Project #010-056

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing in support of the proposed patient tower currently being considered at Crossroads Community Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Crossroads was converted from a nursing home to a hospital in the early eighties and has become a southern Illinois leader in patient care and physician recruitment as well as being a major employer in our region. The completion of this proposed addition is imperative to provide private rooms for patient and family privacy, and to modernize the hospitals image from nursing home to a major medical facility. The employees of Crossroads Community Hospital have been providing outstanding healthcare for years and deserve a facility that reflects their commitment to the people of the community.

Sincerely,

  
Jacques Papazian M.D.



**Southern Illinois Heart and Vascular Center, PC**

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October 1, 2010

Mr. Edward Cunningham  
Chief Executive Officer  
Crossroads Community Hospital  
8 Doctors Park Road  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Please accept this letter in support of Crossroads Community Hospital's modernization plans.

As you are aware, I have recently joined the Crossroads Community Hospital Medical Staff, and my cardiology practice is still very much in a growth mode. As you are aware, I am treating patients at Crossroads that would otherwise have been transferred to another hospital—typically in St. Louis. These patients are either admitted directly by me, or they are being admitted by another physician. Accordingly and based on my current practice, within the next two years I anticipate 140-150 such patients that would not have otherwise been admitted to Crossroads will be admitted, with an average length of stay of five days.

Virtually all of my current patients are from Mt. Vernon and the communities/rural areas located within thirty miles of Mt. Vernon, and I anticipate that to continue.

I hereby certify that I have not identified the incremental patients noted above in the support of any other project for which a Certificate of Need Permit has or is being sought.

The information contained in this letter is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

Fadi Shamsham, MD

Notarized:

Fadi Shamsham, M.D, FACC, FSCAI, CCDS  
Board Certified in Internal Medicine • Cardiovascular Disease • Interventional Cardiology  
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Mr. Dale Gallasie, Chairman  
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Project: #010-056

Dear Mr. Gallasie:

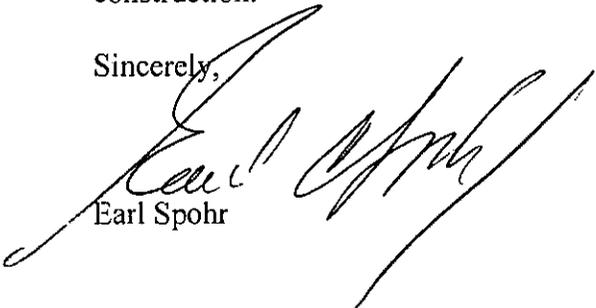
I am writing today in support of Project 010-056, Crossroads Community Hospital.

Crossroads Hospital is one of the top employers in the Mt. Vernon community. As our town grows westward, it is located close to shopping areas, expanded housing, trucks stops and sits within a few blocks of two major interstate highways, I-57 and I-64. Accident victims are able to be treated in a matter of minutes. Travelers falling ill find it readily available to provide quality care.

As our population grows, we need a more contemporary hospital; one with private rooms for patients.

I urge you to favorably consider the upgrade/modernization, and approve this important construction.

Sincerely,

  
Earl Spohr

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October 5, 2010

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities  
And Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am taking a moment to write this letter to you to support the proposal by Crossroads Community Hospital to expand and renovate in order to allow them to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a modernization of their current facility.

I have been a practicing orthopedic surgeon in this community since 1983, and I have been a member of the active medical staff at several hospitals including Crossroads Community Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon. I believe that both hospitals have an important role to play in providing care to the citizens of the Mt. Vernon community.

Crossroads Community Hospital has a long history and has provided an independent option providing many services that are not available at Good Samaritan Hospital. I believe that their plans to expand will allow for the provision of private rooms for all patients and will insure privacy and improve infection control and meet the contemporary standards required in this millennium.

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The hospital has been successful in recruiting many new physicians to our community, and is a major employer in this area. The Crossroads facility has been expanded and renewed several times, but I believe that this is a very important step and I would strongly encourage that their certificate of need be addressed and supported.

Sincerely yours,

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Alan L. Froehling, M.D.

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CC: Ed Cunningham, CEO

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

This letter supports the application of Crossroads Community Hospitals to construct a new patient tower at their facility in Mt. Vernon.

Crossroads community currently provides important health services to our citizens and substantial economic impact to the greater Mt. Vernon area. The hospitals new project has overwhelming local support and their facility must be improved to remain competitive. This new investment in Mt. Vernon will encourage new physicians and other health care providers to re-locate to our rural community.

Crossroads Hospital provides first class patient care. I have been a surgery patient at the Mt. Vernon facility and can attest to the outstanding level of health care I received during my procedure and following recovery. The hospital has a professional management team and their employees are dedicated to its continuing success. The hospital is a taxpaying citizen and a true asset to our community.

As a businessman with 40+ years of experience I am confident that Crossroads proposed new investment is much needed and will improve area health care.

Very truly yours,



Michael A. Alexander

Andrew R. Johnson, M.D.



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Re: **Project No. 010-056**  
**Crossroads Community Hospital Patient Tower Addition**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a physician working in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and am writing to you in support of the Crossroads addition currently undergoing a Certificate of Need review. Here in Mt. Vernon, Good Samaritan Hospital is currently in the process of building a new hospital. However, I do not think that this in any shape or form excludes the need for a viable up-to-date hospital in addition to Good Samaritan's. Crossroads Hospital has a long history in the Mt. Vernon community and prides itself on providing the very finest care possible. It provides an option for patients and physicians both thereby improving the overall healthcare in Mt. Vernon through a strong competition within the local market.

Crossroads is much in need of improvement to its physical plant, and this addition would clearly provide that upgrade providing for all private rooms for the purpose of both privacy as well as infection control. It would improve our ability to provide patient care, and it would update our communication systems within the hospital. We would also significantly improve patient flow through the hospital, making it an even less difficult hospitalization. Crossroads is a major employer within the community and has also been active in recruiting and keeping physicians in our community, and this addition would be a strong step to continuing in both of those traditions.

I very much appreciate your very careful consideration of this issue. I strongly believe that maintaining two strong, vibrant hospitals within our community is critical to maintaining a highly successful and modern healthcare system within this community. I appreciate your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc Mark Edward Cunningham  
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Re: Project #010-056

Mr. Galassie-

I am a local Insurance agent and Mount Vernon City Councilman. I would like to add my support to our LOCAL Crossroads Community Hospital expansion. As a Councilman: Mt. Vernon has plans to invest over 20 million dollars into our local infrastructure, expanding and replacing water mains, new and existing roads, new and existing sewer mains, and a new water tower adjacent to the Crossroads Community Hospital location. Our goal is to provide a better infrastructure and further the growth of Mt. Vernon's industry and population. We have adopted a Comprehensive 10 year plan for that predicted growth. One of our major employers, Continental Tire NA, is currently in the process of hiring in upwards of 200 additional employees. Crossroads Community Hospital plays an extremely valuable role in our local and regional economy by allowing our citizens and others from surrounding counties to have a Choice of providers in this area. Mt. Vernon is now receiving economic leads from Medical providers, Distribution companies, and other medical related industry regarding relocating to Mt. Vernon. Personally: My grandparents, aunts, and wife use the Hospital because of their outstanding service and professionalism. The current plan would update the facility providing a benefit to recruiting and retention of highly trained and recognized professionals. This expansion is also good for our regional economy.

Please consider this request to expand Crossroads Community Hospital as they continue to modernize the facility and move away from the nursing home image.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Piper

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