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Good Afternoon Ms. Hills,

I've attached to this email scanned Letters of Support for the Surgery Certificate of Need Application recently submitted by St. John's Hospital **Project #10-019**. Thank you for adding these letters to the others included in St. John's Application.

*Michael Cox*

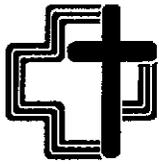
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April 5, 2010

Mr. Michael Constantino  
Project Review Supervisor  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
c/o Mr. Bob Ritz, President and CEO  
St. John's Hospital  
800 E. Carpenter Street  
Springfield, Illinois 61769

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support the project at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois, to modernize its Surgery Department.

Modernization of St. John's Surgery Department will enable St. John's to provide modern, high quality care in a more efficient manner. The people cared for in and around Effingham County benefit from the care provided by St. John's and approval of this project will help ensure that they receive high quality surgical care in central Illinois when it cannot be provided here at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. Information regarding where patients go for care shows that for those services unable to be provided in Effingham and the other 11 central Illinois counties we serve, often leave the state for Missouri or Indiana.

I applaud the efforts of St. John's Hospital and the SIU School of Medicine in attracting high quality surgical and sub-surgical specialists to care for Illinois citizens. This modernization project will assure they have the facilities and resources patients deserve.

St. John's Hospital plays a critical role in caring for the residents of our community. We are fortunate to have an organization that is committed to high quality care and that is accessible to all who seek it. As a partner in care, we appreciate St. John's dedication to serving the most vulnerable of our residents and value the collaboration they bring to healing.

I am happy to support St. John's Hospital's Surgery Project and will likewise be happy to provide any further information you request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Woods, FACHE  
President and CEO

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March 16, 2010

Mr. Michael Constantino, Project Review Supervisor  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
c/o Mr. Bob Ritz, President and CEO  
St. John's Hospital  
800 E. Carpenter St.  
Springfield, IL 62769

Re: St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL  
Surgery Department Modernization

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the approval of St. John's Hospital's Certificate of Need application to permit the construction of a new Surgery Department.

St. John's Hospital is an important partner in our System, helping ensure all of our residents have access to high quality health care. Our organization appreciates St. John's leadership in providing access to specialty medical care and its commitment to providing the latest medical advancements to our patients.

Because St. John's Hospital has been such an important partner in improving the quality of health care offered to the residents of central Illinois, it is critical that the hospital is allowed to modernize its facility in order to meet the growing demand for health care services.

St. John's Surgery Department project will not only enable St. John's to provide health care in a more efficient manner, it will also further strengthen our System's health care infrastructure.

I strongly encourage your approval of St. John's Hospital's Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

Joanne Fenton  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
St. Mary's Hospital - Streator, Illinois



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March 17, 2010

Mr. Michael Constantino, Project Review Supervisor  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
c/o Mr. Bob Ritz, President and CEO  
St. John's Hospital  
800 E. Carpenter St.  
Springfield, IL 62769

Re: St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL  
Surgery Department Modernization

Dear Mr. Ritz:

We understand that St. John's Hospital is submitting a Certificate of Need application to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to modernize its Surgery Department.

Insofar as both our organizations are teaching hospital affiliates of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and partners in the Southern Illinois Trauma Center with a strong commitment to providing quality care to all, Memorial Health System has no objections to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EJC", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edgar J. Curtis  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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