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April 18, 2011

Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62702

RE: Letter of Support - Memorial Hospital - East Project # 11-017

Dear Ms. Avery:

The purpose of this letter is to strongly support the Certificate of Need application filed with your agency to construct a new hospital in Shiloh. The new hospital will have a positive impact on the entire region and, in particular, Scott Air Force Base.

Having a full complement of quality medical services within close proximity to the Base will provide the more than 14,000 active duty and civilian personnel employed at the Base with convenient options for healthcare as well as potentially create employment opportunities for spouses of those stationed there. In addition, the development of Memorial Hospital - East will help keep residents in Southwestern and Southern Illinois for their healthcare needs. The Shiloh facility will be able to convert its patient rooms into private rooms - something that is becoming an expectation for many patients today.

I strongly urge your support of Project # 11-017. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress

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