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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Reference:
Letter of Support
Memorial Hospital-East
Project# 11-017

Dear Ms. Avery:

The St. Clair County Board of Health supports Memorial Hospital's proposed new facility to be located in Shiloh Illinois. The St. Clair County Health Care Commission *Community Health Assessment & Planning Project*, a strategic health improvement plan adopted by the Board of Health, identifies access to health care as one of the priority health issues facing our county. It is our understanding and belief that the proposed project will improve access to health care services for the residents of St. Clair County and the region.

We have enjoyed a 25 year collaborative working relationship with the leadership and staff of Memorial Hospital. They are a key resource for community-based prevention services as well as hospital-based healthcare for the greater Belleville area. Additionally, as the regional leader in coordinating Emergency Medical Services, they serve a major role in public health emergency planning. The proposed facility will augment these efforts as well as improve access to health care resources to adjacent communities that have experienced significant population growth during the past decade.

In summary, Memorial Hospital is major provider of health care services in St. Clair County and we support their efforts to increase their capacity to provide high quality and accessible services to the community.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Allen, R.N., Ph.D.
President

Cc Mark A. Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County Board
Mark Turner, President and CEO, Memorial Hospital

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