

# O'Fallon - Shiloh Chamber of Commerce

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May 19, 2011

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

Re: Letter of Support  
Memorial Hospital – East (Project # 11-017)

Dear Ms. Courtney:

On behalf of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce and its 410+ members, I am writing to express our full support of Memorial Hospital's recent announcement to file an application for a Certificate of Need with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to construct a new 94-bed hospital in Shiloh, IL. The new hospital will create an all private bed facility providing increased efficiency, improved patient satisfaction and lower infection rates.

Memorial has had a presence in the O'Fallon-Shiloh area since 1998 with outpatient facilities on Highway 50 as well as on Seven Hills Road. As a result of population growth and demand for convenient care with the communities they serve, especially the O'Fallon-Shiloh area, Memorial has recognized a great need to expand services and facilities and help address outmigration issues to keep patients in Illinois for their healthcare services.

After a three-year evaluation and planning process, a 94-acre tract of land was purchased in Shiloh in 2008. It was then determined that building a new patient tower on Belleville's existing site was significantly more expensive than locating on the Shiloh site, making the Shiloh site more economical.

Memorial Hospital has a long history of providing charity care to those unable to pay for services as well as providing medical services to a significant number of Medicare and Medicaid patients. While rooted in Belleville, Memorial reinvests \$10-20 million annually back into the organization for facility and program improvements. It is important to note that no services will be leaving the Belleville campus as a result of the satellite hospital in Shiloh.

In conclusion, the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce members are very excited about the prospects of having a full-service hospital located in Shiloh, IL, and we fully support Memorial's efforts as they seek a Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

*Rick R. Parks*

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cc: Mark Turner, President and CEO

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April 28, 2011

Mr. Mark Turner, President & CEO  
Memorial Hospital  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Belleville, IL 62226

Dear Mr. Turner,

The City of Belleville has enjoyed a 53 year partnership with Memorial Hospital as it continues its mission of "providing exceptional healthcare and compassionate service" to our residents. We understand that Memorial Hospital continues to grow its flagship facility in Belleville and that no services will be leaving the Belleville campus, even as you grow into eastern St. Clair County.

Memorial Hospital has had a long history of providing charity care for the underprivileged and serves a significant number of Medicare and Medicaid patients. This new facility will allow Memorial Hospital to continue this practice and make this care available to more of our area residents. We believe that the proposed new, all private bed facility will not only improve patient satisfaction but will allow Memorial Hospital's main facility in Belleville to provide an even better patient experience than ever before, all the while providing more health care options in Illinois.

Please let this letter serve as the City of Belleville's support for the Certificate of Need for the new Memorial Hospital-East project site in eastern St. Clair County. If you would like to discuss this letter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (618) 233-6810.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark W. Eckert".

Mayor Mark W. Eckert