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August 8, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: PROJECT # 11041
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As President of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to extend my support of the Certificate of Need application for the merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

I know how important hospitals and health providers are to the development of a strong community. As economic pressures and the impact of healthcare reform challenge our providers, it is important to be mindful and focused on what is best for our local communities, for our physicians, and for the future of our healthcare in the state of Illinois. That is why I encourage you to join me in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

In joining together, the combined system would create the single largest Catholic healthcare network in the state of Illinois, spanning 12 hospitals, 28 long-term care and senior residential facilities, more than 50 primary and specialty care clinics and six home health agencies. With locations throughout Chicago, the suburbs of Des Plaines, Evanston, Aurora, Elgin, Joliet, Kankakee, Rockford, Urbana, Danville and Avilla, Indiana, a combined Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care would be one of the largest health systems in the state, providing services for patients and residents across the continuum through nearly 100 sites of care.

I urge the Board's approval of this application. Thank you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Nelson', written over a white background.

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