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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: PROJECT # 11051
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As President and CEO of the Joliet Area Region Chamber of Commerce, I have witnessed first-hand the tremendous growth our region has experienced in recent years. I believe the main reason so many new businesses and families have found this area so attractive is the strong healthcare system that serves as the background of this community. New families can rest assured that top-quality medical care exists so close to home, and new businesses understand that a strong healthcare system translates into an equally strong economy.

I ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board support the application for the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. Leaders from both organizations have acted wisely in developing plans for a partnership that will support innovation and growth, maximize use of resources, mitigate economic and industry challenges and provide high quality care and value across the continuum.

I respectfully urge you to approve the merger application.

Sincerely,

Russ Slinkard
President and CEO