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Dear Ms. Avery,

As Executive Director of the Block Club Federation, located in Chicago's Humboldt Park Community, I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. The Block Club Federation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization in the area served by the hospital that focuses on community development and programs for youth, including health and wellness. We have been a close ally of Resurrection for many years.

As Executive Director of the Block Club Federation, I have worked closely with Saint Elizabeth Hospital for many years. I urge you to support this project that will help protect access to Catholic Health Care. Resurrection Health Care hospitals have provided access to high quality care for some of the Chicago area's most challenged communities including many of the individuals the Block Club Federation serves. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

A combined Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health will better position the new system's hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient centers and other programs and facilities to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to those facilities and programs for care. This system merger is intended to preserve access to Catholic health care; improve financial viability; improve patient, employee, and medical staff satisfaction through a shared culture and integrated leadership; and position the combined system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

I fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring this hospital into the new system formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

Magdalena E. Martinez
Executive Director & President
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August 8, 2011

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the former Alderman of the 26th Ward in Chicago and an advisor to Governor Quinn. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

I have a special relationship with Resurrection Health Care as Saint Elizabeth Hospital served many of my constituents when I was Alderman. I continue to be active with the hospital and with Resurrection Health Care's newest addition to the neighborhood, Resurrection University. All of my experience with Resurrection Health Care has shown me that it is an organization that truly serves the community.

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