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**From:** Thomas [hill-law@hometel.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2012 9:31 AM  
**To:** Constantino, Mike  
**Subject:** Project # 11-105 & 11-106 - Replacement Hospital for St. Josph's Hospital, Highland, IL  
**Attachments:** 20120203091924086.pdf

Mr. Constantino

Attached is my letter to Ms. Courtney Avery regarding the Project listed above. Please see that it is properly filed with other comments concerning the proposal. Thank you.

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Via Email [mike.constantino@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.constantino@illinois.gov).

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Re: Letter of Support for Proposed Replacement

St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, IL

Project # 11-105 & 11-106

Dear Mr. Avery:

I write in support of the application of St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, IL, for a Certificate of Need to construct a replacement hospital for its aging facility. No doubt exists in the minds of the members of the community in and near Highland about the need to replace the existing structures. Please give your support for the application.

St. Joseph's Hospital has been a vital part of our community for over 130 years. However, to continue its health care ministry here, the existing plant requires replacement. The existing facility is a mish-mash that is inefficient to operate and inconvenient for the citizens St. Joseph's Hospital serves. The planned facility will markedly improve the health care experience in a number of important ways, including:

- Patient convenience inside and outside the facility
- Access to state-of-the-art medical technology and health care services
- An emergency department allowing direct access by ambulance and helicopter
- A pleasant healing environment for patients and their families
- Improved privacy for patients and their families

The availability of quality health care services at a location centrally located in the middle of its 32,000 person service area is vital to the growth and wellbeing of Highland and surrounding

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery

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Re: St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, IL

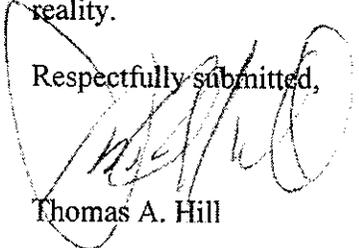
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environs. For more than a decade, as a member and now chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital, I have observed the growing need to replace the tired facility. At long last St. Joseph's Hospital is poised to bring the long sought and genuinely needed replacement hospital to the people of our community.

Please support the pending application and allow the new St. Joseph's Hospital to become a reality.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Hill

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**To:** Constantino, Mike  
**Subject:** Letter of Support - Proposed Replacement St. Joseph's Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106  
**Attachments:** I- Madison County Support St. Joseph's Hospital.pdf

Please accept the attached letter of support from Madison County Government. Thank you.

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RE: Letter of Support – Proposed Replacement St. Joseph’s Hospital- Project # 11-105 & #11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support regarding the above-mentioned Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital in Highland, IL. As Madison County Board Chairman, the proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital will definitely increase the quality of living for more than 15,000 residents living within the hospital’s service area in Madison County.

The City of Highland is located on the eastern end of Madison County. St. Joseph’s Hospital provides critical care needs to a large geographic portion of our county and compliments a network of other facilities that serve different regions of our large county which is has in excess of 780 square miles in size. For years, Madison County Government has partnered with Highland area Governments and Institutions in addressing the various needs of the residents in this growing area.

Since 1878, St. Joseph’s Hospital has served Madison County residents by providing health care services to meet their ever-changing needs. St. Joseph’s Hospital continues to be an anchor in the community by allowing Highland area residents to stay within its boundaries to have access to high-quality health care services. St. Joseph’s Hospital has been the primary provider of health care services in Highland for more than 134 years. The proposed new St. Joseph’s Hospital replacement facility will definitely continue this convenience and accessibility for those residents.

Madison County is very fortunate to have St. Joseph’s Hospital within its boundaries. The hospital’s history of providing health care services to all – especially the poor, needy and vulnerable – is widely recognized and is a true reflection of the giving and compassionate nature of the City in which it resides.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan J. Dunstan".

Alan J. Dunstan  
County Board Chairman

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