

February 6, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
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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 as a statement of my support for the approval of St. Joseph's Hospital's Certificate of Need application to permit construction of a replacement facility in Highland, IL. By allowing St. Joseph's Hospital to build a new state-of-the-art replacement hospital, new technologies, easier access to services and greater convenience will enhance the lives of many throughout the local area.

As New Douglas Township Supervisor, I appreciate all the hospital does not only for the residents of my township, but for residents throughout the southwest portion of Madison County and other regions that St. Joseph's Hospital serves. St. Joseph's Hospital is a leader when it comes to improving our quality of life. Therefore, it is critical that the hospital is allowed to build a replacement facility in order to meet the increased demand for high quality health care services.

Since 1878, St. Joseph's Hospital has been vital to sustaining the long term health of the local region. The new replacement hospital will provide health care in a more efficient manner in an environment that makes not only the patient, but also their loved ones feel like they can relax and possibly enjoy a quicker healing process -- with the overall goal of being able to go home sooner.

On behalf of the residents of New Douglas Township, we are extremely grateful to have a health care organization with the reputation that St. Joseph's Hospital has and respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,



Supervisor, New Douglas Township