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Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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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 regarding St. Joseph’s Hospital’s Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital facility in Highland, IL.

I have served the Highland community in many capacities, including Mayor and Councilperson, as well as President of the Jaycees, Kiwanis, and the Highland Business/Education Alliance. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Highland Chamber of Commerce. In addition, I have served for several years on the St. Joseph’s Hospital Advisory Council. Through my community involvement, and my relationship with St. Joseph’s Hospital, I have come to realize the importance of St. Joseph’s to the Highland area. First, and foremost, St. Joseph’s provides for the health care needs of local residents. As our needs continuously change, St. Joseph’s Hospital must be prepared to offer the necessary health care services to sustain the health and well-being of present and future generations. Meeting the healthcare needs of our community is an important “quality of life” issue, attracting residents as well as businesses to Highland. Second, St. Joseph’s Hospital is one of the largest employers in Highland providing over one hundred jobs in the medical, science, and technology fields. This is exactly the type of employer that most cities work hard to attract and retain so that our children and grandchildren might return to Highland to raise their own families.

If you allow St. Joseph’s Hospital continue their mission in Highland, you will insure quality healthcare for new generations of Highland area families. This new St. Joseph’s Hospital is designed and will be equipped to offer an improved health care experience by providing:

- Convenience to the patients, including accessible and ample parking
- Privacy
- An Emergency Department with state of the art technology and easy access
- A healing environment for patients and their families
- The newest high-tech medical equipment and advanced technology throughout the hospital
- Continued family services with an increased emphasis on women and children services

As a member of the St. Joseph’s Hospital Advisory Council, I have an opportunity to provide feedback to the hospital as a community liaison in helping to maintain a positive relationship between the hospital and local

residents. The new proposed St. Joseph's Hospital will enable the hospital to remain as a vital anchor and source of civic pride within Highland.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,

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