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

February 2, 2012

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

The 102nd Legislative district includes Madison County and the City of Highland where St. Joseph Hospital is located. As the **State Representative** for that district, I am delighted to write this letter of support for the approval of **St. Joseph's Hospital's Certificate of Need application** to permit the development of the new St. Joseph's Hospital.

For more than 134 years, St. Joseph's Hospital has provided the residents of Highland and the surrounding communities with high quality in-patient and outpatient care. Although the hospital has made improvements to its current building (the most recent being the front lobby in 2009), the current facility lacks the infrastructure to meet the future health care needs of the community. The current four-acre site in Highland is "land-locked" and the hospital is unable to grow to accommodate the health care needs of the community.

The new St. Joseph's Hospital will include more space, architectural design efficiencies and improved technologies to better serve the residents of Highland and the surrounding communities. The **Master Campus Plan** also allows for expansion for **Diagnostic and Treatment Centers**, an identified community need. The new 60 acre site will allow St. Joseph's Hospital to develop **the Medical Campus of the future**.

The new St. Joseph's Hospital represents an investment in the health and well-being of our community for generations to come. I am very proud to support this vital community project, and encourage you to give your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Evans".

Paul J. Evans
State Representative
102nd Legislative District