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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project# 12-054 Genesis Medical Park, Moline

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the establishment of Genesis Medical Park, Moline. The proposed medical office building will provide needed space for physicians and offer a larger, more comfortable setting for the Convenient Care Clinic as well as retail space for pharmacy and durable medical equipment store. This concentration of primary care physicians and specialists in one convenient setting will improve access to medical care as the building will be more geographically accessible and will serve as a draw for recruiting prospective physicians to our community.

In addition, the medical office building will be part of a wellness campus with walking and jogging trails for use by the community. The intention is to create a unique environment that will support and encourage the public to adopt health behaviors and obtain healthcare services when needed to combat chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. This project is all the more commendable and distinctive as the trails and park will be created on reclaimed Brownfield land.

Lastly, many in our community are struggling financially as the economy slowly recovers. The building, which is estimated to cover over \$10 million to construct, will benefit our local economy by providing needed jobs for our electricians, plumbers, and construction crews. In turn, improved employment for the building trades will have a significant economic impact on the rest of the community.

The proposed medical office building and wellness campus signify the future of health care with an emphasis on the prevention of chronic diseases and encouragement of healthy behaviors. The project is unique in its aims and offers a significant economic opportunity for our community. For these reasons, this project should be approved.

Sincerely,

James E. Bohnsack
County Board Chairman

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