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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Project #12-054 Genesis Medical Park, Moline

Dear Mr. Galassie:

The purpose of this letter is to express Bi-State Regional Commission's support for the establishment of Genesis Medical Park, Moline. We find the project to be consistent with the Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

One of the goals in the region's CEDs is the promotion of quality of life opportunities. The proposed project meets this goal by improving healthcare access and creating a site that promotes alternate means of transportation, specifically biking and walking. The medical office building will be part of a wellness campus with walking and jogging trails for use by the community. This type of development will support and encourage the public to adopt healthy transportation alternatives.

The project also supports the CEDs goal of redevelopment of blighted areas. The associated trails and park will be created on reclaimed brownfield land. Redevelopment of such areas is key to urban economic development. Brownfield redevelopment, trails and transportation alternatives are vital to sustainable economic development.

For these reasons, Bi-State Regional Commission supports this project and determines it to be consistent with the region's economic development goals.

Sincerely,

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