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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support – Proposed Adventist Hinsdale Hospital/Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital Cancer Center.

Dear Ms. Avery:

I currently serve as Chairman of the Board of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, and I am writing to support the Certificate of Need for the proposed Cancer Center to be sited on Ogden Avenue in Hinsdale, Illinois. This consolidation of cancer outpatient services at a site convenient to both Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital will greatly enhance both the convenience and quality of care for people who have cancer in the western Cook and eastern DuPage County region. The plans for the new Cancer Center include technology that will equal or surpass even the most sophisticated equipment to be found in Chicago's university hospitals.

As a cancer survivor myself, I know from first-hand experience the importance of having a full range of services, from diagnostic to radiation to infusion therapy, in a unified setting designed for patient comfort and convenience. I also know how important it is to receive top quality cancer care close to home. There is a huge advantage to patients to have a centrally located facility where hospital physicians, radiologists and other professionals can work as an interactive team serving each patient's individual needs. The patients and their families will be well-served by having that expert team in place.

The demographics of our service area, and the growth expected in the next several years, clearly indicate the need for such a center to serve the patients in the combined service area of these two hospitals. The expertise of the extended, national Adventist Healthcare System puts a vast network of experience at the disposal of the planners to help to create a center that is not only convenient and practical, but truly innovative in the way it will provide care.

I am proud to lend my wholehearted support to this vitally needed project on behalf of those whom it will serve.

Sincerely,



Sally Porter
Chairman of the Board
Hinsdale Hospital Foundation

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