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October 26, 2012

Ms Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

*RE: Project No. 12 – 079, Holy Cross Hospital*

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to document my support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

As Illinois State Senator for the 3rd District and a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am acutely aware of the lack of affordable health services in the Holy Cross Hospital service area and the need to strengthen resources for a broad range of community healthcare needs. For nearly a century, the Sisters of St. Casimir have sponsored Holy Cross Hospital and have made desperately needed care possible through very challenging times. As the only hospital in a very large area, Holy Cross provides critical emergency and follow-up care to people nearby their homes.

The mission based partnership of Holy Cross Hospital with Sinai Health System will add to vital community health care services and increased ability to provide quality care that is accessible. Sinai Health System has demonstrated high quality of care for their patients. This partnership will allow critical health services to survive and will improve access to more specialized care for complicated health needs.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross Hospital's wise strategy to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mattie Hunter".

Mattie Hunter  
Majority Caucus Whip  
Illinois State Senator  
3rd Legislative District