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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 # 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a community resident and I wish to express my strong support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System. Holy Cross is much more than a hospital to my family and I, it represents the heart of our community and fulfills many needs. Please let me expand on a few.

Over the twelve years that my family and I have lived in Chicago Lawn, we have come to appreciate, respect and depend on the doctors we see and the care we receive at Holy Cross Hospital. We have had several opportunities to move our health care to other facilities, but we are committed and very satisfied with our local community health hospital/center.

Holy Cross acts as a beacon of refuge for many families. Our community boasts of first generation immigrants from a variety of countries, all who have found refuge in the care extended through Holy Cross. This is a strong reason why my family is committed to Chicago Lawn. We have a partner in Holy Cross in raising our children and in serving our community through servant leadership and unconditional acceptance. This is the kind of community I want for myself, my kids and my neighbors.

Holy Cross is a powerhouse employer for local and surrounding communities, providing entry-level and skilled positions for hundreds in our community. To lose these many jobs in our current economic climate would present undue hardship on many local families and our community.

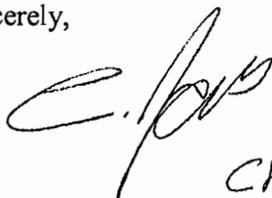
Holy Cross is a strategic community partner and a leader for other service based organizations in our community. No one else can do what Holy Cross is doing for our families. They give culturally relevant, spiritually minded, professional care for all families no matter their ability to pay while at the same time takes the lead on community-wide strategies, encouraging and providing appropriate leadership for many others.

Holy Cross represents so much of our local history, so many of our founding roots, that to lose the hospital would be to lose part of ourselves and to deny where we came from or how we got here. Despite all the demographic and economic changes to lose our roots from Holy Cross would only fraction our community more instead of continue to provide a strong, lasting basis that we all, no matter how new or old to community we are, can grow from.

Holy Cross is beautiful. The building is a beautiful place to visit, to tour, to be in and it helps to bring out the beauty in our community that so often is lost in the chaos that is prevalent right now.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,



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