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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Re: **Vista Health System Project #12-081**

As Mayor of the Village of Gurnee, I am excited to endorse Vista Health System's application for a new hospital in Lindenhurst, IL.

As Lindenhurst is contiguous to our Village border, a new hospital will offer our residents an excellent choice in health care service. The proposed location will represent the fastest route possible for our emergency service personnel to transport our patients. Knowing that every minute counts, especially in an emergency situation, a Lindenhurst location will truly make a difference each and every time in the transport of a patient.

The Gurnee Fire Department is responsible for not only the residents of Gurnee, but also the surrounding Fire Protection District which benefits the people of Lake County. Due to the number of visitors Gurnee receives on any given day, the Gurnee Fire responds to an unusually high percentage of calls involving emergency situations. The proposed Lindenhurst location will make a significant difference in transport time so not only our residents, but visitors will be better served in life-threatening situations.

On behalf of the Village of Gurnee, we applaud Vista Health System's effort to provide a high quality, solvent health care system in the Village of Lindenhurst, IL.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina M. Kovarik
Village of Gurnee

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