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Phillip M. Kambic
President and CEO
Riverside Health Care
350 N. Wall Street
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Dear Mr. Kambic:

We noted this morning on the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board's website that your facility has filed an application to open a Freestanding Emergency Center (FEC) at your Riverside North Campus in Frankfort. Your application does include a copy of a certified letter that was supposed to have been mailed to us requesting an impact statement reply – however, we still have not received a copy in the mail more than two weeks later. Nevertheless, we feel it is critical to provide an impact assessment.

Your proposed FEC would have a tremendous negative impact on emergency services provided by Silver Cross Hospital. Silver Cross Hospital has had a long-standing position as one of the leading providers of emergency services in Frankfort and the surrounding communities. In fact, a large percentage of our emergency department patients come from those communities.

Silver Cross Hospital strongly opposes your proposed facility due to the anticipated negative effect on our emergency services – services that we have been providing to those communities for more than a century.

Sincerely,



Paul Pawlak
President and CEO

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Administrator
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