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To: Avery, Courtney
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Subject: SIH Cancer Center Project #13-005

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a gynecologist who has been in practice in Carbondale, Illinois since 1990. Over the years I have diagnosed and helped to care for women diagnosed with gynecologic cancers of all types and all have had to travel for treatment which includes surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and follow up visits to their providers. I would like to add my endorsement of Southern Illinois Healthcare's effort to build a freestanding cancer center to serve patients throughout our seven county region of rural southern Illinois.

It is my understanding that medical oncology, radiation oncology, imaging, testing, infusion services, support, rehab and recovery will all be offered so that our patients in the southern region of the state would have access to the same care that is easily accessed upstate. A good percentage of these patients are also among our state's most vulnerable--elderly, low-income and uninsured.

I wholeheartedly support SIH's mission to provide excellent care to the people of southern Illinois and look forward to expanding services in the area of cancer treatment.

Respectfully,
Sylvia Garwin, M.D., FACOG