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March 18, 2013

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: SIH Cancer Center, Project # 13-005

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am taking this opportunity to voice my enthusiastic endorsement of Southern Illinois Healthcare's effort to build a comprehensive, freestanding cancer center to serve patients throughout a seven region county region of rural southern Illinois. Thousands of these patients live in the most impoverished counties of Illinois. Many of these counties have the additional misfortune of being among those with the highest cancer incidence rates in the state.

Instead of enduring long, tedious and expensive travel outside of Illinois, weary patients along with their family and friends will benefit from the streamlined, team-based care the SIH Cancer Center will now be able to provide under one roof. For the first time in our region, SIH would offer the full continuum of cancer care in a single locale. These vital services include radiation therapy, chemotherapy, a home for multidisciplinary teams for breast, lung, gastrointestinal, genitourinary and head and neck cancers, clinical trials, support, survivorship and rehabilitation care. The SIH Cancer Center also enjoys an academic affiliation with the Simmons Cancer Institute at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. The breadth of this partnership brings additional, much-needed resources to southern Illinois.

Furthermore, many of the patients who will ultimately receive care at the SIH Cancer Center are among our state's most vulnerable—elderly, low-income and uninsured. In fact, all seven of the counties in SIH's services area are federally designated as "Health Professional Shortage Area(s) for Primary Medical Care."

I wholeheartedly support SIH's mission, values and commitment to bring this caliber of cancer care to southern Illinois. Thank you for your time and attention to this project.

Respectfully,

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Varadendra B. Panchamukhi, M.D., F.A.C.C.
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March 15, 2013

Courtney Avery, Administrator
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525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write this letter to support Southern Illinois Healthcare's building of a comprehensive, freestanding Cancer Center. The Center will be located mid-way between Jackson and Williamson counties, and will serve the southern third of the state. As you already know, many of our patients are poor and elderly and uninsured, and SIH has always made it its mission to take care of all patients, regardless of standing. This facility will allow us to do even more.

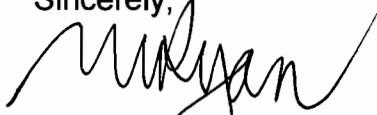
This building will allow SIH to expand its services to include state of the art cancer care, and make that available to our patients for whom the burden of travel to metropolitan areas would be even more onerous. The idea of a patient's traveling to St. Louis for repeated cancer treatments creates its own set of problems with fatigue and distraction. Imagine, if you will, what that does for patients who are elderly and fragile and sick. This new center will allow patients of all kinds to stay close to home, making it possible for family and neighbors to be supportive at a time when patients will need it most.

In this part of the country, we have a high rate of cancer diagnoses, and we must be able to provide care for these many patients. We will be able to provide that care in a coordinated, convenient fashion, with treatment teams involving everyone at every stage of the patient's therapy. That will include pre-treatment planning meetings and post treatment rehab, and everything else in between.

We already have most of the building blocks in place with excellent radiation therapy and oncology services, and a contingent of very well qualified providers. This building will allow us to further enhance our physician staff with high quality oncologic and colorectal surgeons, already recruited to begin practice here this summer.

In short, this facility will be very well run and of exceptional quality, and will treat all patients regardless of economic status. I urge you to approve the certificate of need, and allow us to provide these services close to home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ryan", written in a cursive style.

Marsha G. Ryan, M.D., J.D., F.A.C.S.

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Fadi Adra, MD

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MEDICAL SERVICES

Pulmonology

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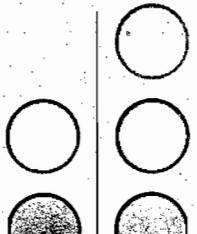
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If you are from southern Illinois, facing cancer has often meant frequent trips to a major metropolitan area, usually outside of our state's borders. Not only do these patients battle the disease itself, they also cope with the costs and struggles associated with simply getting the care, which can include high fuel rates, time away from work, hotel stays and meals. The love and support they so desperately need could be two hours away. For some, the means to get the care are too great.

Southern Illinois Healthcare has committed to lead the cancer fight for the people of this region. They've already shown their resolve by bringing more cancer specialists here and by building accredited programs, such as The Breast Center, where the goal is detection to diagnosis in 24 hours. Comprehensive medical treatment for cancer close to home makes huge differences in the lives of those suffering from this relentless disease.

Their American dream is living in southern Illinois. Your decision will allow this region's cancer patients to fight the disease where they find strength and hope—at home.

Respectfully,

Erjuana Hartmann

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Rebecca 

Rebecca Atkinson

Cancer Patient/Survivor

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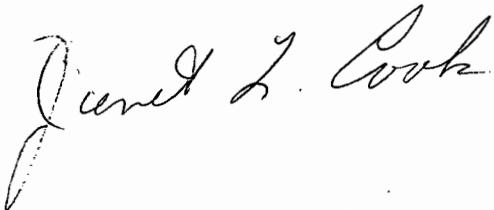
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