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Dale Gallasie, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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Re: Support for Advocate Good Shepherd CON Project #13 - 016

Dear Mr. Gallasie,

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

My name is Dr Lisa Derken and I am a physician with a private practice in Barrington. I have been an active member of the medical staff for 15 years and, as the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, I am very familiar with the excellent care provided to our patients. I do, however, believe that Good Shepherd is being challenged to continue to provide this high level of care due to it's facility limitations. As a proud member of our hospital and our community I would like to see Good Shepherd Hospital moving forward with modernization and, therefore, I am writing to support the CON application #13-016 for modernization of Good Shepherd Hospital.

Patients expect privacy while they are ill, frail, and striving to heal and Good Shepherd is one of the few area hospital that does not offer all private rooms. In fact, most of Good Shepherd's medical-surgical beds are semi-private rooms. The noise and disruption of a roommate, potential for infection, and also the lack of privacy while discussing sensitive subjects, are all well documented problems. It is imperative that we update the facilities to meet the needs of our patients.

For these and so many more reasons, I strongly support the Good Shepherd Hospital modernization project. I respectfully ask the board to please approve the Good Shepherd CON application #13-016.

Sincerely,

Lisa Derken, MD