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May 22, 2013

Mr. Dale Galassie,
Chairman Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, second floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Regarding: Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital Modernization Project, CON #13-016

Chairman Galassie:

I am writing in *support of the Certificate of Need application # 13-016 for Advocate Good Shepherd* for facility modernization.

I am a busy general surgeon who practices in Barrington, IL. Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is the only hospital where I am on staff. I serve on the Cancer Committee, Minimally Invasive Surgery Committee, and Diabetes Advisory Committee. I am very aware of the need for the proposed facility project.

As a surgeon, I am challenged to schedule my patients for surgery due to lack of available operating rooms. As the population grows and ages, demand for operating rooms will increase. Our practice is seeing this growth. Good Shepherd needs additional operating rooms to accommodate the growing needs of our practice and community.

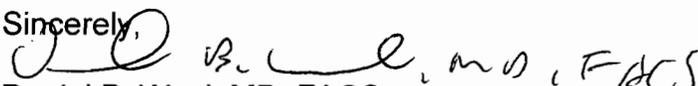
Larger operating rooms are also needed. There needs to be space for advanced laparoscopic equipment, television monitors, and for the da Vinci surgical robot. The two large-sized rooms in the current operating room are highly utilized. It is difficult to accommodate everyone. Many procedures have become more complex and now require more technology, equipment, and staff.

The medical intensive care unit is also out of date. New facilities are needed in order to modernize the rooms and better serve the patients in the intensive care unit.

Most of the patient rooms are also shared in the hospital. Patients now desire private rooms. The modernization project will allow Good Shepherd to compete with the other hospitals in the area which have all private rooms.

Thank you for the opportunity to demonstrate my support of this project.

Sincerely,


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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Regarding: Support for Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, CON
Project #13-016

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I strongly support the certificate of need application by Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital for facility modernization. As a surgeon practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and the Vice President of Medical Management at Advocate Good Shepherd, I am acutely aware of the many project benefits in supporting improved care and better meeting patient needs.

Moving from mostly dual occupancy to single occupancy inpatient beds is critical to the patient care. Privacy is much more than patient comfort. As a cancer surgeon, it is my responsibility to discuss very sensitive issues with patients and their families on a regular basis. This is simply impossible to do in a shared room with a stranger occupying another bed less than 2 feet away. We also recognize how critical private rooms are to reduce hospital-acquired infections—sharing a bathroom with another adult who is also ill makes infection control much harder.

Our operating rooms were built in 1979, preparing for technology that is now outmoded. As an example, minimally invasive surgery is much more prevalent now than when the surgical suite was designed more than three decades ago. Ironically, minimally invasive surgery requires much larger equipment which exceeds the space of our current ORs. I encourage the CON board to approve this important project to support high quality care for my patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B Rosen", written over a horizontal line.

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