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Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write to you in support of the merger between Tenet Healthcare and Vanguard Health Systems. This merger will strengthen and broaden the services provided by the four Vanguard hospitals in the Chicagoland area, including Vanguard's medical center in the Village of River Forest. I encourage you and your colleagues of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to consider the application for this merger at your August 13, 2013 meeting.

The services provided at Vanguard's River Forest office and the nearby West Suburban Medical Center is important for our residents and those who live nearby. West Suburban offers community clinics and health screenings, as well as providing helpful diabetes resources and support groups. With this merger, the services and expertise currently housed at West Suburban and its sister hospitals will be broadened through Tenet's national network of healthcare professionals and facilities.

I am also pleased to know that Tenet has committed to keeping local leadership in place, as well as preserving existing services at all four facilities for a minimum of two years. These guarantees underline Tenet's interest in maintaining continuity for residents who use the four hospitals in the Chicago land area.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I am certain this merger will allow the four Vanguard facilities in our state to better serve our communities and continue providing for our collective health and well being.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Adduci  
President, Village of River Forest