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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Kathryn Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson St, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support of Midwestern Regional Medical Center Inpatient Bed Tower Modernization

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am pleased to welcome the modernization of Midwestern Regional Medical Center (Midwestern) in our state and am honored to share with you my experience of their outstanding service to cancer patients.

Midwestern offers traditional medical treatments such as cancer surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and stem-cell transplants, along with alternative care services such as organic food, vitamin therapies, massage and nutrition. The modernization of Midwestern will not only be a valuable asset for our local citizens, but also for those who travel from outside our state to receive state-of-the-art medical treatment and services. As you are aware, health care programs are a vital part of every community and there is an ever increasing need for cancer treatment options and services nationwide. Approximately eighty percent of Midwestern patients come from outside of Illinois, and I am pleased that this hospital continues to be a destination for patients seeking premier services and world-class treatment options in the State.

Midwestern not only provides terrific care for thousands of patients each year but also provides recognition and economic value for the region. This hospital's projected labor costs next year are over one hundred million dollars for approximately twelve hundred jobs to working families in Illinois. This hospital projects a total annual economic benefit to the City of Zion and its neighboring communities of over six hundred million dollars. Thus, this growth needs to be supported.

The purpose of the Midwestern Imaging expansion project is to modernize the current imaging and radiology technology, and help the hospital continue to maintain the most responsive and highest quality service to care for cancer patients.



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I look forward to Midwestern opening its doors to a modern inpatient bed tower and continuing to deliver high quality cancer care in Illinois. Should you wish to speak to me personally in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Duffy".

Dan Duffy
State Senator

Cc: Scott Jones, Midwestern Regional Medical Center