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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Planning Board  
525 W. Jefferson St.  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I'm writing this letter to you asking for your help and support to get the approval of the Proposed Psychiatry Unit (Project 13-076) for Holy Cross Hospital.

As a Catholic priest working in a community nearby the hospital I'm fully aware of the many people who come to our church with serious mental issues. I know that people with mental issues may need a stay at a hospital for a short or long time depending on the severity of their mental illnesses.

It will be a great blessing to have a Psychiatry Unit nearby in which people can be treated in a respectful way and with human dignity.

I strongly urge the honorable board in which you are the administrator to approve as soon as possible adding such unit at Holy Cross Hospital.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Jose A. Sequeira*  
Rev. José A. Sequeira, Pastor.

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RE: Holy Cross Hospital Proposed Psychiatry Unit, Project 13-076

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Maggie Perales and I have lived near Holy Cross Hospital for 24 years. Holy Cross hospital has always been there for me and my family for many years. I work in the community and I'm connected with many families that rely on the hospital for care. I know that people often wait a long time for care in the emergency room. I also know that there are very few psychiatric hospitals that are nearby. I know of individuals that are in need of these services, and having services close to where these families live would make it so much better for their families and friends. I support having a Psychiatric Unit at Holy Cross Hospital; to have this important care available in my community would be an asset.

I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Planning Board to approve Sinai Health System adding this needed unit at Holy Cross Hospital.

Sincerely,



Maggie Perales  
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