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Re: Carle Foundation Hospital, Project No. 14-015

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing to support Carle Foundation Hospital's request to complete the Carle Tower by adding additional beds and patient care space to improve access to highly specialized and high quality care in east central Illinois.

As an ER and hospitalist physician at Paris Community Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital located in Paris, Illinois, I am proud of the local services we bring to the residents of Edgar County and the surrounding area. I am also all too familiar with the challenges faced when the ability to care for patients exceeds the resources we have available at our facility.

Carle Foundation Hospital is the closest Illinois Level I Trauma Center available to Edgar County residents. Because the Paris area has an aging population and a high proportion of seniors, this is especially important for my patients. For example, Carle stands ready with 24/7 stroke coverage through its Primary Stroke Center.

Whether a patient of mine shows symptoms of an impending stroke, heart attack, or other emergency event, quick intervention is of the utmost importance. Because of the collaborative care system that we have developed with Carle, consult can begin before the patient even leaves Paris, and Carle's care protocol starts as soon as the patient is in transit, whether that is through ambulance or flight transportation.

Those are just a few examples of the critical issues we address in collaboration with Carle. In fact, there is a broad range of patient conditions requiring specialty physician care that is not readily accessible in our rural community. Our community relies on Carle, which has more than 300 physician specialists, to provide care for our patients when we cannot. When Carle Foundation Hospital does not have beds available, we must seek alternate placements for patients. This causes delays in obtaining a higher level of care because we must find another accepting facility, as well as send the patient and family further away from their home to receive that care.

I sincerely urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this plan. The people of this region deserve ready access to critical and sometimes life-saving care. The proposed expansion will allow us to continue to serve our patients with confidence knowing that Carle's resources will be available in our time of need.

With regards,


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Re: Carle Foundation Hospital, Project No. 14-015

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing in support of the proposal to add 48 medical surgical beds at Carle Foundation Hospital to meet health needs of the region surrounding the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As Chancellor of the Urbana campus, I am committed to work that addresses the needs of our current and former students, faculty and staff and which generally ensures that our community has access to state-of-the-art services at a level which compares to other large university communities across the nation. As our community's only tertiary care facility, it is critical that Carle Foundation Hospital's capacity is adequate to provide high acuity care, including care in its Level 1 Trauma Center, to patients who need it.

Patients can receive a level of care at Carle Foundation Hospital that would only otherwise be available in larger metropolitan areas. Because of this, there is a great demand for care at Carle. That's why we believe maintaining access to its services by completing the second phase of the new bed tower is imperative for patients who need Carle's specialized care.

The University of Illinois relies on Carle as the primary teaching site for College of Medicine students in Urbana, where residents and medical students and other health care degree candidates participate in delivering care at Carle in order to fundamentally advance their education. University faculty also partner with Carle on a number of clinical studies that require data and study participants. I am confident this research will continue to yield discoveries, particularly as Carle grows to meet the ever-increasing demand for care. The University and Carle are also considering a proposal to develop a college of medicine focused on engineering and clinical advancements. The two organizations are uniquely positioned, as a world renowned engineering school and highly specialized health system. The future of this education and research demands a hospital committed to providing the most advanced care to the region's residents when they are in need of Carle's specialized services.

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Furthermore, having a vibrant healthcare system in the community is important for the University's ability to attract students, faculty and staff. When candidates consider relocating, they not only review the university, but also factors such as the level of primary and secondary education, lifestyle and healthcare. Health services are also important to families of potential students when making the decision to attend the University of Illinois. Carle is a community resource that plays a role in attracting the best to Illinois.

This region relies on Carle for its unique strengths, and that's why improving access to care is crucial. I encourage you to approve this proposal from Carle Foundation Hospital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis M. Wise", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phyllis M. Wise
Chancellor