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Subject: Project 14-032 St Bernard Hospital
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Good Morning George,

Can you please add this support letter to the Permit Application file. It was received after the Application was ready to be filed.

Thank you.

Ed

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July 8, 2014

Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street
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Dear Ms. Avery:

The need for expanded access to health care in Chicago's underserved neighborhoods continues to rise. Outpatient ambulatory care is the key driver in demand for health care services. This shift in health care from the more expensive inpatient treatment to preventive outpatient care has created the need for new facilities to meet the demand. St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood proposes to build a 70,000 sq. ft. ambulatory care center on its hospital campus. I ask that you approve the project as its success will improve access to care to meet the needs of constituents.

The Center, expected to open in 2016 will house many of the services already available at St. Bernard Hospital, but for which the Hospital has very limited space. Anticipated services include laboratory blood draw, diagnostic imaging, non-invasive cardiology, and physical therapy services. Select Hospital sponsored clinics such as a walk-in clinic, women's wellness clinic, and specialty care clinic will be relocated to the facility. A pharmacy is also proposed, as well as space for physician offices.

St. Bernard is centrally located and receives numerous requests for meeting space from area community groups and elected officials. The Hospital currently lacks the space to accommodate the needs of many of its community partners. As such, community meeting rooms have been included in the plans for the Ambulatory Care Center.

Finally, data from the Health Care Cost Institute, indicates that from 2009-2012, while inpatient spending grew 2.4 percent, outpatient spending increased 6.5 percent. Additionally, through the expansion of Medicaid programs, more than 100,000 people in Cook County have gained health insurance coverage. St. Bernard's ambulatory care center will help mitigate the pressure on local health care systems. Again, I ask that you support the St. Bernard Hospital CON. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mattie Hunter".

Mattie Hunter
Majority Caucus Whip
Illinois State Senator
3rd Legislative District