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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

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Re: Project 14-032 Support Letter/St. Bernard's Ambulatory Care

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the CEO of Sinai Health System, and on its behalf wish to express my support for the St. Bernard Hospital plan to build an on-campus ambulatory care center and physician office building.

Sinai Health System ("SHS") owns and operates Mount Sinai Medical Center and Holy Cross Hospital. These hospitals and SHS work collaboratively with St. Bernard's on a number of health initiatives. They serve similar communities, which include a significant number of uninsured patients, as well as Medicaid recipients.

Also, the SHS hospitals and St. Bernard's have in common, as many safety net hospitals do, limited resources with which to make capital improvements to infrastructure. As a result, our patients, employees and Medical Staff work within a physical environment that is at times challenging. I am pleased to see that St. Bernard's Hospital is able to construct a new building, which will enhance its capabilities to deliver care in a way that is consistent with the trend toward ambulatory care and a good use of resources. As the application points out, it will also help to recruit and retain physicians, which is of utmost importance to assuring our communities receive access to primary and specialty care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Teitelbaum".

Karen Teitelbaum

cc: Charles Holland, President/CEO, St. Bernard's