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December 19, 2014

Kathy J. Olson, Chairwoman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Recommendation for Midwestern Regional Medical Center Quality of Life Expansion

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Midwestern Regional Medical Center (Midwestern) is currently applying for a CON for the modernization of their quality of life and support services. The purpose of this letter is to share my strong support for their application.

Midwestern focuses on the needs of patients with complex and advanced stage disease. I have always known Midwestern leadership to consist of professional, knowledgeable, ethical people who care about their patients. I have visited the hospital and have personally witnessed the great level of care they provide their patients which is represented in their outstanding patient satisfaction scores.

Midwestern is an important employer in District 61. In fiscal year 2014, Midwestern projects nearly 1,350 employees and over \$3.0 million in total annual property tax payments. While Midwestern is clearly providing a tremendous economic impact in their community and in Illinois, the real benefit is to cancer patients throughout the Midwest and the entire United States. Interestingly, Midwestern is truly a destination cancer hospital with the vast majority of patients traveling hundreds of miles from all over the country to seek treatment. Because of the patients and caregivers that come to Midwestern, the total economic benefit to the City of Zion and its neighboring communities was over \$550 million last year alone.

Midwestern employees pride themselves in having world-class service standards as evidenced by their patient satisfaction scores. This project continues to elevate the level of service that Midwestern offers and brings cancer patients in need to Illinois.

For these and many other reasons, I strongly support Midwestern's application. I look forward to the hospital's continued success in delivering high quality cancer care in Illinois. Thank you for considering my letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri Jesiel".

Sheri Jesiel  
State Representative  
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Copy: Scott Jones, Midwestern Regional Medical Center