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April 1, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project #15-007, Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

Please accept my letter of support for the proposed modernization and expansion of surgical services at Herrin Hospital. The project proposes to not only replace and expand antiquated operating room space, but also update and expand several ancillary areas to surgical services, including but not limited to replacement and modernization of endoscopy and minor procedure rooms and replacement and expansion of surgical prep and post-anesthesia recovery.

We have had a huge increase in our surgical cases. With this expansion we will be able to take better care of our patients and will be able to keep up with our ever increasing surgical schedule. If we are able to provide a more significant level of care to our patients, we will be able to treat our regional patients at Herrin Hospital, which will reduce outmigration to nearby states for advanced care.

Thank you for your consideration of this much needed project .

Sincerely,

Kelli Neuman, RN  
  
Surgical Services, Herrin Hospital  
201 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Herrin, IL 62948

04/01/2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor )  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am sending this formal letter in support of Herrin Hospital's proposed expansion project. I am a Registered Nurse employed at Herrin Hospital as well as a resident of Williamson County. I have been an RN for 16 years, with all of my experience being in Surgical Services. I am so blessed to work in a facility that I have trusted with my healthcare needs as well as those of my family. We have a high standard of care here at HH. We take very seriously the welfare of our patients. We strive for excellence in all that we set our hearts and hands to do. We have a hometown atmosphere, these are the people that we live and work alongside of. I consider some of my best friends to be those with whom I work.

This would be an amazing asset to our community. It would expand our capability for patient care. It would also be an employment opportunity for so many people in our area. So desperately needed in these times. Healthcare career opportunities opened up for the people in our community, how wonderful is that?

I have seen so many changes during my career as a nurse. Herrin Hospital has grown and adapted to the many changes in the healthcare system. We continue to be a name that the people in our community associate with trust and respect. It is my hope that this expansion will be our next step for future growth as a hospital and a community.

Sincerely,



Trell Cockrum, RN  
PO Box 42  
Pittsburg, IL 62974

April 4, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson (2nd Floor)  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007 Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Sandy Long, I have been an RN in Surgical Services for 9 years. I am submitting this formal letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project.

I have watched as the patient need of surgical services has increased dramatically. We (Herrin Hospital) provide the best care possible to all patients that walk in our doors. Our small operating room and ambulatory care areas are not enough to keep up with our patient schedule.

Thank you for your consideration of this much-needed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Long".

Sandra Long RN

17887 Bean Road

Whittington, IL 62897

04/01/2015

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Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I enthusiastically endorse Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project. As a longtime resident of Southern Illinois, I can attest to the facility's commitment to my community not only as a provider of healthcare, but also as a business leader and good steward.

13 years ago, the city's largest employer, Maytag, closed its doors this hospital assisted city and economic development leaders in retraining displaced workers. This joint endeavor ultimately resulted in new, lifelong health care careers for many of former Maytag employees. As Herrin's largest employer, the hospital provides jobs to over 900 residents from across the region. I am also especially grateful the hospital's forward-thinking physician recruitment efforts and the breadth and depth of surgical specialists that now offer services at my hometown hospital. Herrin Hospital is my hospital of choice, as many of my friends' choice for our advanced care needs. The need to expand and upgrade surgical services is very beneficial to our area.

I wholeheartedly endorse the hospital's pursuit of the Certificate of Need to usher in another era of consistence, advanced health care in southern Illinois.

Sincerely,



Joni Johnston  
380 Clifty Heights  
Marion, IL 62959

4-1-15

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board  
525 West Jefferson (2nd floor)  
Springfield, Ill. 62761

Project # 15-007 Herrin Hospital  
Dear Mrs. Avery

I am submitting this formal letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project. I have only worked at Herrin Hospital for 5 years. I can attest to the facilities' commitment to my community not only as an employee but also as a customer.

I feel that Herrin Hospital has really grown in the 5 years I've been here. With this expansion we will only provide excellent patient care and a great workplace.

Sincerely

Amy Brown  
6930 Mitchell Lake Dr  
Mukwonago, IL 62865

April 1, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007 Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am submitting this letter in support of Herrin Hospital's proposed expansion. As an employee and a consumer, I can see that Herrin Hospital needs this expansion with modernization to better serve the community. Herrin Hospital's commitment to their patients and stewardship is an absolute necessity in today's healthcare challenges.

By example, Herrin Hospital is the largest employer in Herrin and provides a centrally located no-profit Hospital which allows surrounding communities, a facility to go where all measures of patients are assured they can and will get the care they need and deserve.

As an employee who works in the surgery department of Herrin Hospital, I have seen personally, the challenges that our facility faces daily in serving the community, its people and the dedicated physicians in the current structure. With the addition of operating rooms, procedure rooms and other necessary improvements, we will be able to offer more comprehensive treatment for patients and be able to be more readily available to efficiently serve the community in the process. The expansion will increase our ability to care for patients quicker increasing better healthcare outcomes, decreasing wait times for patients, and increasing more positive results medically overall.

It is my opinion that Herrin Hospital needs this certificate in order to improve healthcare for the community, improve working structure for employees and physicians as well as to ensure that southern Illinois remains competitive in the industry but more importantly the community and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,



Cindy Hardin

403 Vaux Street

Zeigler, Illinois 62999

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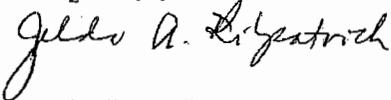
Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter as a loyal employee of Herrin Hospital for almost 25 years in support of the above-mentioned modernization and expansion project.

Through the years, I have witnessed our Hospital's Surgical Services Department to which I proudly belong, advance in giant leaps and bounds offering the most modern of operative services to our patients. Our progress in surgical technology is comparable to that of hospitals in the bigger cities. We take pride in these achievements and we remain committed to uphold our Mission Statement "We are dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all the people in the communities we serve.

This is our solemn promise to our patients who are our loyal and staunch allies in helping us fulfill this noble mission, to us they are FAMILY.

Sincerely yours,



Gilda "Moy" Andal-Kilpatrick

703 S. Hadfield Street

Marion, IL 62959



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Harrisburg, Illinois 62946  
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March 20, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007, Herrin Hospital

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Please accept my letter of support for the proposed modernization and expansion of surgical services at Herrin Hospital. The project proposes to not only replace and expand antiquated operating room space, but also update and expand several ancillary areas to surgical services, including but not limited to endoscopy and minor procedure rooms, surgical prep and post-anesthesia recovery.

As the population that we serve gets older, the need for surgery suites has increased dramatically. This proposed modernization and expansion will not only reduce outmigration to nearby states for advanced care, but will also continue to meet the health needs of the regional community, which includes some of the most vulnerable patient populations in Illinois.

My father is 84 years old and for him to have to travel long distances for surgical services is a burden for him and the rest of us.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney D. Smith", is written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Rodney D. Smith  
President/CEO

/slf



April 1, 2015

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This request comes on the heels of dramatic increases in surgical cases and surgical hours over the last four years in particular. With the successful recruitment of additional surgical specialists to meet the regional health needs of our community, OR space is well over capacity. At present, the existing operating rooms are sized extremely small by current clinical standards. With the proliferation of high-tech equipment and larger beds that are used today, the lack of space is a significant drawback.

This proposed modernization and expansion will not only reduce outmigration to nearby states for advanced care, but will also continue to meet the health needs of the regional community, which includes some of the most vulnerable patient populations in Illinois. As a safety net health system, parent company Southern Illinois Healthcare provides a significant level of care to low-income and uninsured patients, with a large portion of that care being provided at Herrin Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project.

With regards,

*Rachel S. Taylor, CST, CSFA, RSA*

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772 Power Plant Rd.

Marion, IL 62959

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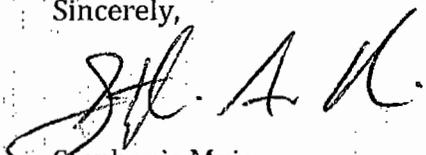
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I am submitting this formal letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project. As a lifelong resident of the city of Herrin, I can attest to the facility's commitment to my community not only as a provider of healthcare, but also as a business leader and good steward.

For example, when the city's largest employer, Maytag, closed its doors nearly 13 ago, this hospital assisted city and economic development leaders in retraining displaced workers. This joint endeavor ultimately resulted in new, lifelong health care careers for many of former Maytag employees. As our city's largest employer, the hospital today provides jobs to over 900 residents from across the region. I am also especially grateful the hospital's forward-thinking physician recruitment efforts and the breadth and depth of surgical specialists that now offer services at my hometown hospital. Over its 100-year history, "my hospital" has grown in size and sophistication; and I know from the dramatic increase in surgical cases over the last few years that this modernization and expansion is needed.

I wholeheartedly endorse the hospital's pursuit of the Certificate of Need to usher in another era of consistence, advanced health care in southern Illinois.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Muir  
1914 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Herrin, IL 62948

April 1, 2015

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007, Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing requesting your support for the Herrin Hospital surgery modernization and expansion project. I am a life-long citizen of southern Illinois. I have been working as a registered nurse in this region for eighteen years. I am proud to live and work in this region.

As a small rural community, our ability to offer high quality healthcare services locally is imperative. As in many rural regions of the country, our families are born here, grow here and stay here in their later years. All generations in our communities deserve to be able to have their healthcare needs met here as well.

Herrin Hospital, as a division of Southern Illinois Healthcare, celebrated one hundred years of service in this community in 2014. The city of Herrin and the surrounding communities embrace the work and dedication this facility has provided for the last century. The growth and expansion of our facility will not only support the needs of the citizens in this community and the surrounding regions, but will continue to be an economic support in uncertain times. I greatly appreciate your time and your support.

Sincerely,



Tiffany K. Hammel, BSN, RN  
7830 Deerfield Road  
Du Quoin, IL 62832

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007 Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project. Herrin Hospital is committed to the community as a healthcare provider and as a business leader. Herrin Hospital is also well-respected in all the surrounding communities as the leader in exceptional care in Southern Illinois.

Herrin Hospital provides essential care to the residents of southern Illinois, which includes high elderly and poor populations. SIH provides a significant level of care to low-income, uninsured and vulnerable populations, many of which receive care at Herrin Hospital. Herrin Hospital provides care regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Therefore, SIH provides a significant amount of charity care and bad debt write-offs.

The proposed modernization and expansion project would expand our facilities from 4 to 7 operating rooms as well as expand the Surgical Prep, Post-Anesthesia Recovery Phase 1, and Post-Anesthesia Recovery Phase 2 for the surgical operating suite. This would empower us to better care for and meet the needs of our aging community.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



Chrystal Grant, RN

PO Box 395, 208 N. Hubbs

Hurst, IL 62949

March 31, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007, Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Brandy Blackburn. I work as a Surgical RN at Herrin Hospital. I have been employed with Herrin for almost 2 years. Please accept my letter of support for the proposed modernization and expansion of surgical services here at Herrin. The project proposes to not only replace and expand antiquated operating room space, but also update and expand several ancillary areas to surgical services, including but not limited to replacement and modernization of endoscopy and minor procedure rooms, and replacement and expansion of surgical prep and post-anesthesia recovery.

This request comes on the heels of dramatic increases in surgical cases and surgical hours over the last few years in particular. At present, the existing operating rooms are sized extremely small by current clinical standards. With the proliferation of high-tech equipment and larger beds that we use today, the lack of space is a significant drawback. This inturn makes it more difficult to care for the patient safely and properly.

This proposed modernization and expansion will not only reduce outmigration to nearby states for advanced care, but will also continue to meet the health needs of the regional community, which includes some of the most vulnerable patient populations in Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project.

With regards,



Brandy Blackburn  
708 N. Saluki Drive  
Marion, IL 62959

4/1/2015

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I wholeheartedly endorse the hospital's pursuit of the Certificate of Need to usher in another era of consistence, advanced health care in southern Illinois.

Sincerely,



Kaci Jones  
1500 S. Division St.  
Carterville, IL 62918

3-31-15

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board  
525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, Ill. 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am submitting a letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project.

Herrin Hospital provides critical and essential care to the residents of Southern Illinois.

I am very proud of the care Herrin Hospital gives to patients. I live in Johnston City a neighboring town. I have always gone to this Hospital and will continue to do so. Herrin Hospital has grown and hopefully will continue to grow. We need this expansion for the needs of our Community. I hope this will happen and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Kendrick

Rebecca L. Kendrick  
1606 Pine Street  
Johnston City, IL 62951

April 1, 2015

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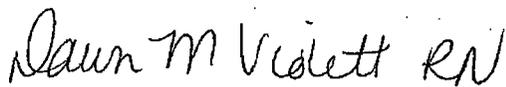
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Sincerely,



Dawn Violett  
16978 Log Cabin Rd  
Marion, IL 62959

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Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am submitting a letter of support for Herrin Hospital's proposed expansion project. As a lifelong resident of the city of Herrin, I can attest to the commitment of this hospital to the community. As the city's largest employer of 900 employees across the region.

Personal I have been an employee of Herrin Hospital for 36 years in the Surgical Department. Many changes have happened over the years. The physician recruitment has helped us grow over the last four years.

I feel our growth in our Surgical Department will benefit our City and County in the future care of the people of Southern Illinois. We need this modernization and expansion.

Thank you for your consideration of our most worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Mary Sloan  
901 N. Roosevelt  
Marion, IL 62959

April 1, 2015

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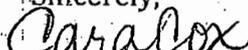
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Sincerely,

  
Cara Cox

Cara Cox  
1003 Oakwood Lane  
Marion, IL 62959

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project # 15-007 Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Lurette Johnson. I am new to Southern Illinois, having moved here last September. I am wanting to express to you the need for expansion at Herrin Hospital. I work in Ambulatory Care and see the need daily for expansion. Not having been in the area long, it has amazed me of the great reputation Herrin Hospital has in this community. Many people have expressed to me that they "love Herrin Hospital" and that "Herrin Hospital is where they prefer to go for care."

I want you to know that I support the proposed modernization and expansion project. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Lurette Johnson

Lurette Johnson  
2700 Hickory Lane  
Marion, IL 62959

4/1/2015

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525 West Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-007 Herrin Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am submitting this formal letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Herrin Hospital's proposed modernization and expansion project. As a 10 year resident of Southern Illinois, I can attest to the facility's commitment to our community not only as a provider of healthcare, but also as a business leader and good steward.

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Mara Fienhold  
15428 Karigan Lane  
Johnston City, IL 62951