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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: MercyRockford Health System
Projects 15-038, 15-039, and 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please post the enclosed letters as letters of support for the three above-referenced projects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for MercyRockford Health System -- Project Numbers: 15-038, 15-039, 15-040

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is submitted in support of MercyRockford Health System's three applications.

I am President and CEO of United Way of Rock River Valley. For more than 95 years, United Way has mobilized the caring power of our community. Our focus is on education, income, and health – the building blocks for a good life. We do this by recruiting people and organizations that bring the passion, expertise, and resources needed to get things done.

We recognize the importance of the health care systems and support networks to the fabric of our community and the success of United Way's mission. We are strongly supportive of initiatives, like the MercyRockford projects, that will help ensure access to care for the residents of our community.

United Way is concerned, in particular, about residents who rely on the care provided on Rockford Memorial Hospital's existing campus. Many of those residents rely on Medicaid to support their healthcare, and the elimination of necessary services at the Rockton Avenue campus may result in a diminishment of those services.

We applaud MercyRockford's new plan which will guarantee the continued vitality of the North Rockton Avenue campus, anchored by an acute care hospital. It is imperative that patients currently served there continue to have access to primary care, physician specialty services like cardiology, pulmonology, rheumatology, neurology, surgery and cancer treatment, as well as the vitally important delivery of high-quality emergency care. We also support MercyRockford's plan for continued inpatient and outpatient Behavioral Health services, a critical need in our community.

We support MercyRockford's overall plans for one hospital on two campuses, with the establishment of highly specialized and critical care services on the East Riverside Boulevard campus. We value the neonatal intensive care unit, high risk maternity unit, and pediatric intensive care unit that are uniquely provided by Rockford Memorial Hospital and deliver vitally important care not only to our community but to the region.

Thank you for your consideration of our support.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As a first term alderman in Rockford, I work very hard to learn and understand the issues of our city's citizens, businesses and service organizations. Thus, I attended a presentation of the MercyRockford's intention to create an East Riverside Blvd. Campus, while, also continuing to maintain the North Rockton Ave. Campus.

I strongly endorse the creation of the East Riverside Blvd. Campus, especially the Women's and Children's Hospital, serving a 15 county region for high risk maternity, neonatal intensive care and pediatric critical care. This campus will enhance regional access to these critical services.

As a resident of the west side of Rockford I fully understand the importance of Rockford Memorial Hospital on Rockton. The west side campus serves many residents that solely rely on this healthcare provider. It is a vital hospital and an anchor of stability on the west side of our region.

I am pleased that the leadership of MercyRockford acknowledges the importance of Rockford Memorial Hospital for the quality of life for those who live on the western side of the Rock River. Thus I am pleased that MercyRockford did not abandon its Rockton Avenue facility.

I am also excited to see that MercyRockford will provide significant space for community needs and development. I look forward to playing a role in defining this role for this building. I, along with many other community leaders understand the importance of this space to train and educate our youth and serve our constituents.

I urge you to approve this project.

Very truly yours,

Thomas P. McNamara

Tom McNamara, Rockford Alderman