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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
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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,

Jacob M. Axel
President

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September 21, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am pleased to send this letter of support for MercyRockford Health System to develop state-of-the-art community healthcare campuses in the Rockford community.

Allowing MercyRockford to develop multiple campuses in the Rockford area will help grow our healthcare community for Winnebago and Boone County residents.

MercyRockford's $400 million investment will positively impact the community and especially rejuvenate the I-90 E. Riverside Boulevard corridor. The downtown west-side Rockford Memorial Hospital receives patients from 15-county regions for: trauma care, high risk maternity and neonatal-pediatric critical care services. MercyRockford's new facility will expand those services to the I-90 corridor, and we will see residual economic development.

MercyRockford offers great healthcare and these projects will further deliver those services by expanding access to quality surgical, behavioral and comprehensive healthcare services. I commend MercyRockford for their determination and commitment to increasing access to healthcare services and growing the greater Rockford market and making it a medical destination; therefore, I offer my full support to their endeavor, which will promote economic development, job growth, and regional healthcare support.

Sincerely,

Joe Sosnowski
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September 25, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

The purpose of this correspondence is to express support for Project #15-038 the reconfiguration of the existing Rockford Memorial Hospital Rockton Avenue facility and Project #15-039 the establishment of a second hospital campus on Riverside Boulevard.

Rockford Memorial is the Level III NICU for the Northwest Illinois Perinatal Network serving 15 hospitals. It is the only Perinatal Center from the West Chicago area to the Mississippi River. In addition, the hospital operates a 7 bed pediatric intensive care unit. Both services are of critical importance to the region.

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago (formerly Children's Memorial Hospital) has maintained a long standing transfer agreement with Rockford Memorial Hospital to support the needs of patients from the Rockford community who require specialized services that are not otherwise available in the region. This past fiscal year there were 64 children transferred to Lurie Children's from Rockford Memorial many of whom were critically ill newborns. In addition, this past August we entered into an agreement to provide neurocritical care telemedicine coverage. This service provides patients in the Rockford Memorial emergency room, pediatric unit and PICU timely access to our highly trained team of Neurocritical Care physicians for the diagnosis and treatment for fragile patients.

Given the important services provided to the families in the Rockford area by Mercy Rockford Health System we support the projects referenced above.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Magoon
President & CEO

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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 as an amendment to the letter dated August 21, 2015 in reference to the above stated Project Numbers proposed by MercyRockford Health System.

In the letter dated August 21, it was stated that Rochelle Community Hospital is supportive of the relocation of pediatric (including pediatric intensive care), neonatal, high risk obstetrical and women's services to the new campus proposed by MercyRockford. We continue to support this initiative.

However, it is now our understanding of the potential relocation of additional services above and beyond what is mentioned in the previous paragraph. We feel this would be a duplication of services already provided in this area. We currently have a relationship with another tertiary care provider for emergent and higher levels of care than we provide in Rochelle, and do not see added benefit for our patient population.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Batty
Chief Executive Officer
Rochelle Community Hospital