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To: Illinois Health Facilities
+ Services Review Board

Re: Proposed Merger between
OSF St. Anthony + Rockford
Health System.

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From Paula Culvey

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Rockford Health System and OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. I am concerned about the impact the merger would have on the community, especially as it relates to women's health services. The new health system would not fully serve the women of the community by not offering tubal ligations as a form of birth control. I am also concerned about the uninsured, underinsured, and IPA patients in the community. If you look at the numbers of IPA patients OSF currently serves, it is a very small number. OSF tends to transfer their IPA patients to SwedishAmerican Health System. While RMH does accept IPA as a form of payment, I have to wonder what the impact of the merger would mean to the IPA patients and to SwedishAmerican Health System. My final concern is that it seems as if this merger would create an unfair distribution of patients and services with a potential negative impact on SwedishAmerican. I urge you to consider all of the ramifications the merger would have on a community with one of the highest unemployment rates in the state.

Sincerely,



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