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Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Mendota Community Hospital's Affiliations with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a resident of one of the small towns served by Mendota Community Hospital, I would like to express my full support for the affiliation of Mendota Community Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe that the affiliation will benefit our community by bringing greater resources and more specialized physicians to our area. Before retirement in 2012, I was employed as Chief Nursing Officer at MCH and had the privilege of working with many of the staff and physicians at OSF through our long term "independent" affiliation with that organization. Even within that arrangement our hospital was the beneficiary of many educational offerings which helped to improve the quality of care delivered to our patients. I believe that the natural progression in providing a broader spectrum of healthcare now and in the future would be to become more fully integrated with that same system.

Please accept this letter as my written support for the proposed affiliation. I encourage you to approve the Certificate of Exemptions for the change of ownership of Mendota Community Hospital.

Sincerely,



Kristine A. Goodbred
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