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October 18, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to health care services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Darin LaHood
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