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October 10, 2013

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project No. E 22-13, Affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation & Proctor Health Care Incorporation (Proctor Hospital)

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please consider this my letter of strong support for the proposed affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation ("Methodist") and Proctor Health Care Incorporation ("Proctor")

I believe the affiliation will: (a) result in measurable benefits to consumers and payers through quality improvements, development of new services, enhanced competition, efficiency enhancements and other potential cost savings; (b) expand access to affordable healthcare services in the community; (c) allow Methodist and Proctor to work together to develop viable responses to the rapidly changing market impacting health care delivery systems, including federal health care reform legislation, reductions in reimbursement and movement toward global and full-risk payment models; (d) advance excellence in clinical innovations, access, services, quality, cost, outcomes, and medical education for both Methodist and Proctor; and (e) expand medical education opportunities in the community and assist in the development and training of much needed physicians and other health care professionals.

For all of these reasons, I would respectfully encourage the Review Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the proposed affiliation between Methodist and Proctor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Leitch".

David R. Leitch