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Project Number: 10-061

Dear Mr. Costantino:

This letter is in support of Hoopeston Regional Health Center's project to move the current Nursing Home to a new building at a new site. Carle Foundation Hospital is in full support of Hoopeston's project to create contemporary facilities for its residents.

Hoopeston Regional Health Center and the Carle system are formal partners working closely together to enhance access and quality of healthcare services available in the Hoopeston area. During our partnership, the Hoopeston leadership team, physicians, and patient care staff have been consistently focused on identifying and implementing programs and services which elevate the quality of care provided to their patients and residents. This includes Hoopeston's plan to relocate their nursing home services into a new facility.

The current Nursing Home is obsolete in the way the resident rooms are set up and in the size of the common areas. The new plan calls for larger and single resident rooms that will give the residents more privacy and help preserve their dignity. The common areas will be conducive to resident activities and interaction with other, visitors, and staff.

The environment of the new facility will provide for easier maintenance of resident and staff safety. New furnishings and equipment with updated safety features and more space for independent as well as assisted mobility are factors that will improve safety. All bathrooms will be handicapped accessible using the latest technology. Safety upgrades for showers include lipless entry, non-slip floor surfaces, and safety bars. A designated therapy area will add potential for more consistent training and rehabilitation that can impact safety of residents.

In addition to the benefits to the residents and their families, the construction project will bring new jobs to a small community, as well as, retaining the current nursing home jobs.

Carle Foundation Hospital would like to extend its complete support for Hoopeston Regional Health Center's relocation of its nursing home into a new facility. This will serve as one more of the hospital's contributions to improving the health and well-being of the local community.

Sincerely,

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