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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support of Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital - Huntley

**CISCO Supports Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

The Construction Industry Service Corporation **strongly urges** you to approve Centegra Health System's plan to construct a 128-bed hospital in Huntley, Illinois. This new facility will improve access to healthcare for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas.

The positive impact to the region will be felt in many ways:

- The privately-financed project would bring a total **economic impact of \$152 million** on area communities, with an **additional \$45 million** generated through professional salaries, medical equipment and furnishings.
- To build this 360,000 square-foot facility will provide more than **800 full-time construction jobs**.
- Once operational, Centegra Health System plans to **employ 1,100 associates** at the new hospital.

In today's economic environment, this project couldn't have come at a better time. It serves the following needs: **Stimulating the economy, creating jobs** and providing a **quality healthcare facility** to an area that needs **improved access**. Based on all of these factors, this is the ideal project for the leadership of the Review Board to recommend.

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As a key stakeholder, the Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) is a non-profit labor management association that represents 140,000 union construction workers and 8,000 contractors in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake and McHenry Counties.

I am sure that you are aware that the economic downturn has had a devastating effect on the construction industry as unemployment is currently running between 30% - 40% for workers in the building trades. It is also no secret that Illinois has lost more than 200,000 jobs.

What an opportunity you possess to continue to lead the state's recovery efforts. This project will have a positive impact on our regional community, strengthening the state's quality of life, bolstering our economy, and providing opportunity and hope to distressed workers.

On behalf of CISCO and its Board of Directors, we thank you for your vigilance to this project, and for your courage in making a conscientious decision that will impact the future of so many others.

Sincerely,

John Brining

Executive Director

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