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Mr. Dale Galassie  
Chair, Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board

HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

2nd Floor  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I'm writing to support the movement to build a Centergra hospital in the Huntley area. I believe that it is a crucial decision that you decide to vote in favor of the construction of the hospital. This new hospital can provide the services that are needed for a growing community as well as provide an opportunity for people to go back to work and recover from this economic down turn. One problem that we face is that with the lack of a hospital and the growing number of residents in the southern part of McHenry County, eventually there will be a problem of overcrowding in the current local hospitals. According to the 2008 Bureau of Labor Statics, out of the entire health care industry, 34.6% of the industry's employment came for hospitals, but only 1.3% of the health care buildings were hospitals. The Centergra Hospital in Huntley would also be an emergency care center as well, so considering that in 2008, the ambulatory services employed 42.6% of the entire Health Care field it would provide an additional area where people can be employed.

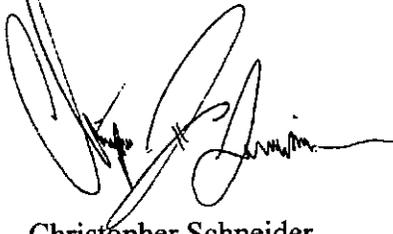
Other than health care positions, this hospital would provide new jobs for people outside of the healthcare profession. The massive undertaking that the construction of the 360,000 square foot complex would provide many construction jobs to local workers. Among these jobs would be plumbers, electricians, masons as well as many other construction jobs. With these workers building such a state of the art facility they will be able to bring in revenue back in to this community. Adding another hospital will give the people of southern portion of McHenry County the opportunity to have easier access to the medical facilities that they might need.

McHenry County has a grown in to a thriving community that is growing bigger and bigger every year. With the addition of the hospital, according McHenry County may be able to take in a share of a projected 3.2 million dollars in new wages and salaries between 2008 and 2018. With a population of 308,760 our county makes up 2% of the population of Illinois. Although 2% might not seem like a huge portion of the total population it is enough that we should be able to have more than a few hospitals in the southern part of the county. Out of that 308,760 a number of our residents need extra attention such as 31,320 citizens that are 65 and older as well as 84,175 that are under the age of 18. These two age groups come to a total of just over a third of the county's population. With this new addition to our expanding community a

hospital in the area of McHenry County you can make a huge difference in their lives, as well as the community.

I just want to thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Schneider', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Schneider

