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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support
Memorial Hospital – East
Project # 11-017**

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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support for the above referenced Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to develop a hospital in Shiloh, Illinois. As Mayor of the City of O'Fallon, I recognize the tremendous value a project of this kind brings to the entire area.

Memorial has provided services to residents in this area having established outpatient services in O'Fallon in 1998. The addition of this "satellite" hospital will allow Memorial to provide more quality services to the residents of the O'Fallon/Shiloh area as well as to communities to the east.

Keeping our residents in Illinois for their healthcare is important. Memorial has been a primary provider of medical services to the disadvantaged population in St. Clair County, including Medicaid recipients and those unable to pay for services. Since the new hospital will operate with the same admission policies as Memorial's main campus in Belleville – that practice will continue.

We are fortunate to have a healthcare organization of Memorial's high caliber making this type of investment in our area – it's healthy for everyone. I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-017. I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Gary Graham
Mayor, City of O'Fallon

Cc: Mark J. Turner, President and CEO
Memorial Hospital