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

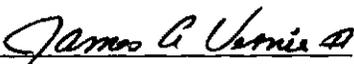
Dear Ms. Avery:

As Mayor of the Village of Shiloh, I would like to register my support for the Certificate of Need application filed with your agency addressing plans to develop a hospital in Shiloh, Illinois. Memorial has had a presence in the Shiloh/O'Fallon community since 1998 with outpatient facilities; Memorial Hospital - East will help meet the growing demand for their quality services.

The proposed hospital in Shiloh would be a "satellite" of Memorial's main facility in Belleville. I recognize and support Memorial's desire to keep its "flagship" in Belleville and know that Memorial Hospital - East will help keep patients in Illinois for their care. The ability, with the opening of the hospital in Shiloh, to have all private rooms at both locations certainly will be welcomed and improve patient satisfaction as well as infection rates.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this project. Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,


James A. Vernier, II
Mayor, Village of Shiloh

Cc: Mark Turner, President and CEO
Memorial Hospital