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April 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services  
Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
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RE: **Letter of Support – Memorial Hospital – East  
Project #11-017**

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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Dear Ms. Avery:

As the current president of Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary (the second largest hospital Auxiliary in the State), I am writing to encourage your support of the Certificate of Need application submitted to develop Memorial Hospital – East in Shiloh. I also speak for the more than 600 members of our dedicated Auxiliary in requesting your approval of this project.

Memorial Hospital has a history of being an integral part of the community for nearly 53 years and I am excited to see the continued progress and growth in meeting the needs of the residents they serve. Memorial re-invests \$10 to \$20 million annually for facility and program improvements. The opportunity to create all private bed facilities by the development of the "satellite" hospital in Shiloh will be wonderful for our patients, families and staff.

Being able to keep patients in Illinois for their healthcare is important – not only for the patient, but for their family members as well. Memorial has always been a part of the O'Fallon/Shiloh community and the demand for services in that area continues to increase. The "satellite" facility will allow Memorial to meet that demand. In like manner, our Auxiliary is committed to help Memorial reach their goal.

I am proud to be a part of such a high-quality professional organization. On behalf of myself and the members of Memorial's Auxiliary, I urge you to support the CON application for Memorial Hospital-East. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Janice Dorris  
President, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

cc: Mark Turner, President and CEO  
Memorial Hospital