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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: PROJECT # 11044  
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Chair of the Provena St. Mary's Hospital (PSMH) Board of Directors, I am pleased to extend my support of a merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. For the past 8 years as a member of the PSMH Board, including the past year as its Chair, I have been proud to represent the hospital throughout the Kankakee community.

To see the true value of a health system, one needs to look no further than Provena St. Mary's. In 1997, with the formation of its parent company, Provena Health, PSMH became a ministry within a larger Catholic health system. Over the course of the next 14 years, the value of this "systemness" has proved immeasurable during both difficult and prosperous times.

Thanks to increased access to capital as part of a larger system, PSMH has been able to make numerous investments including a new Endocrine and Diabetes Clinic, expansion of its ambulatory care network, critical care beds with enhanced technology for patient comfort and staff support, new ultrasound and digital mammography equipment, and much more.

Being a part of Provena Health has made Provena St. Mary's Hospital a stronger provider of health services for our local community. A merger with Resurrection Health Care will allow us to grow even stronger and continue our important work for the benefit of all those in the greater Kankakee area and beyond.

I urge your support of our merger application.

Sincerely,



Tim Gernon

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