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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: PROJECT # 11042
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

Because I believe it will benefit the Urbana community, I am writing in support of the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

One of our local hospitals, Provena Covenant Medical Center, is included in the merger. The continued success of Provena Covenant, which I believe will come about through the proposed arrangement, is very important to the residents of the greater community of Urbana-Champaign as the hospital provides extensive charitable assistance to many patients in need and also offers a wide range of pro-active community health programs such as free screenings and health talks.

In addition, over 1,000 local residents depend upon Provena Covenant for employment.

Affordable and accessible healthcare and good paying jobs are two major quality of life attributes. Provena Covenant Medical Center provides both. I believe this merger will enhance these existing attributes as well as the opportunity for growth.

To the extent that this merger will facilitate that, I ask your approval of the Provena/Resurrection application.

Sincerely,

Naomi Jakobsson
State Representative
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