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August 9, 2011

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

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

Because I believe it will benefit the Champaign-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 Champaign-Urbana 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 for all in need and good paying jobs are two major quality of life attributes for successful municipalities. We have that and more in Provena Covenant Medical Center, and on behalf of our citizens of Champaign-Urbana, we would like to see it continue and grow.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Frerichs".

Michael Frerichs