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

Re: Letter of Support- Proposed Replacement St. Joseph's Hospital -Project # 11-105 & 11-106

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a statement of support regarding Sr. Joseph's Hospital Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a replacement facility in Highland, Il.

Since 1878, Sr. Joseph's Hospital has served the Highland area by continuing their commitment to care for the sick, poor, and needy as a healing ministry of Jesus Christ established by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. Although the hospital has made improvements to its current 64-year old building as it stands today, the current facility lacks the ability to meet future healthcare reform and service requirements. Additionally, the current four-acre site in Highland is land locked and unable to accommodate needed expansion and growth as the health care needs of local residents will continue to change.

The driving force behind the proposed new St. Joseph's Hospital is highlighted by six (6) core principles-all designed to provide an excellent health care experience today and into future.

- . Convenient access for patients to include access and ample parking
- . Privacy for patients
- . An Emergency Department with state of art technology and easy access
- . To provide a healing environment for patients and family
- . The newest high-tech medical equipment and technology .
- . Continued family services with an increases emphasis on women and children services

Most of all, the new St. Joseph's Hospital will enable local residents, more then 32,000 across three(3) counties in the hospital's service area- from having to travel away from Highland for access to basic primary health care services.

As a member of St Josphe's Hospital Board of Directors, I have a lengthy relationship with the hospital with its past and present leadership, and members of the community who support the hospital's mission

On behalf of the more than 500 colleagues, physicians and volunteers of St. Joseph's Hospital, I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project 11-105 and 11-106.

Sincerely:

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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support regarding St. Joseph's Hospital's Certificate of Need application filed with your agency regarding plans to build a new replacement hospital facility in Highland, IL.

Having been a lifelong resident of Highland, I can fully appreciate the benefits of having a hospital, like St. Joseph's, located within our community. My wife and I were both born at St. Joseph's, made several visits there as a kids growing up, and had a couple of procedures as adults. We have 2 children who were born there, and also made several trips to the hospital over the years while they were growing up. Just thinking of having to go anywhere else is unimaginable.

Also, being a businessman in the community, I realize the need to stay current with needed services and facilities to take care of patient needs. The existing building, at this point, falls short of meeting future healthcare reform and service requirements, and being land locked, prohibits any expansion and growth that are needed to meet the health care needs of the residents in the community.

A new replacement hospital would provide convenience to patients, including accessible and ample parking, privacy, an Emergency Department with state of the art technology, create a healing environment for patients and their families, have the newest high-tech medical equipment and advanced technology throughout the hospital, and continue to provide family services with an increased emphasis on women and children services, in addition, allowing for future facility growth and growth in other health care services.

As a member of the Friends of St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors, I have had a lengthy relationship with the hospital, its past and present leadership, and members of the community who support the hospital's mission.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Luitjohan  
President  
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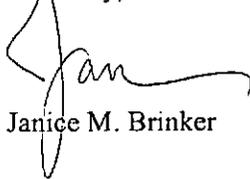
As a life-long resident of Highland, St. Joseph’s Hospital has served my family for decades. Beginning with labor and delivery for me and all my siblings, along with continued healthcare and family services for a large family, we have utilized every area of technology St. Joseph has to offer. Now as a mother of two, I continue to depend on the benefit of having local emergency care. While living my life as a Catholic and Christian, it has been very important to see a faith-based Hospital system in Highland.

With plans for a new hospital, incorporating newer state-of-the-art technologies for our future, Highland residents will continue to benefit from excellent healthcare for many generations.

Serving as a member on the Friends Board for the past several years, has cultivated an even stronger commitment to the continued success of St. Joseph’s Hospital.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Project #11-105 and #11-106.

Sincerely,



Janice M. Brinker

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January 15, 2012

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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please allow this letter to serve as a Statement of Support for the Certificate of Need for St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, Illinois.

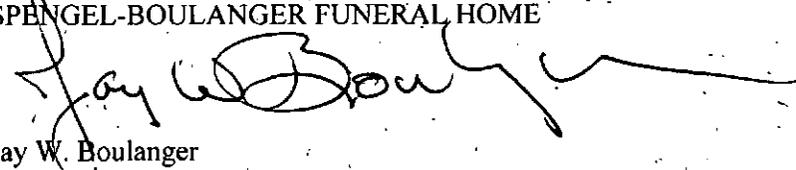
My family, for generations, has utilized and served St. Joseph's Hospital. My mother was a Lab & X-Ray Tech (see enclosed photo) and my father provided ambulance service – both parents being involved since the 1940s. My parents, my children and I have been birthed at the hospital. The caring and healing ministry of the Third Order Sisters and the hospital have a great heritage in our community.

As with everything, change is necessary. The proposed four acre site of the new St. Joseph's Hospital will allow for growth and service for many more generations. New technologies, advanced philosophy of care and better facilities will greatly serve Highland and its surrounding communities for many decades.

As a current member of the Friends Board of St. Joseph's; a former advisory board member and well as many other committee positions, I know of the great need that our new building will address. The support of our community will manifest it self to attain the needed new hospital.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to indorse project #11-105 and #11-106.

Most cordially,  
SPENDEL-BOULANGER FUNERAL HOME



Jay W. Boulanger

Enclosure

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A photo of my mother, a Lab & X-ray Tech at St. Joseph with the state-of-the-art equipment in the early 1940's.



A Specialist in X-Ray and Laboratory is available at any time.