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Attached is a letter of support from Congressman Shimkus.

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Ms. Courtney Avery
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Dear Ms. Avery:

It is my pleasure to support St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, as they seek approval of a Certificate of Need for the development of a new facility. I am privileged to represent this area in Congress and know that St. Joseph's is working to meet the healthcare needs of their community as they have for over 134 years.

While making improvements to their current structure, a new facility is necessary to provide high quality inpatient and outpatient care. The new site is physically much larger and will allow for expansion as time goes on. St. Joseph's is planning to make a large investment in the community beginning with the new hospital and later including diagnostic and treatment centers.

I ask for full consideration of their application and again want to express how vital this project is and encourage its approval.

Sincerely,


JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress

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