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March 1, 2012

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

Re: Project 12-013
Letter of Support for Regional Cancer Center Project

Dear Ms. Avery:

I submit this letter to support SwedishAmerican Hospital's certificate of need application to develop a new Regional Cancer Center here in Rockford. This new center represents the next chapter in SwedishAmerican's 100-year commitment to deliver excellent healthcare to the people of Northern Illinois.

As a business owner, I applaud SwedishAmerican's effort to better manage their resources by the consolidation of services that are currently provided in multiple locations, putting them under one roof and making cancer treatment more convenient and accessible for patients across the entire area.

I truly believe that this project will make a significant difference in Rockford, as well as the greater northern Illinois region.

I appreciate your consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Rydell", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

David R. Rydell
Chairman

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