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Ms Courtney Avery, Administrator
 Illinois Health Facilities and
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Project # 12-079
 Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to document the strong support of the Chicago Police Department, 8th District, for Holy Cross Hospital to become a member of Sinai Health System.

Ours is the largest Chicago Police Department District. Our area has among the highest levels of crime and violence in the City of Chicago. Residents and police force officers from our district and other City of Chicago Police Districts rely heavily on the services of Holy Cross Hospital. The close proximity and emergency services of the hospital are absolutely essential for a great part of Chicago's southwest side. We know that Holy Cross came near to closure a few years ago and the results of that outcome would have been catastrophic. We are wholly supportive of the plans to keep Holy Cross as a viable acute care community hospital and encourage strengthening the hospital and necessary community health services. Sinai Health Systems has been a strong and valued partner of Chicago Police serving Chicago's west side. Many members of the Chicago police force can attest to the quality of treatment, care and services of Mt. Sinai Hospital. This partnership will keep a necessary and valuable community resource in place.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

David R. McNaughton
 District Commander
 8th District