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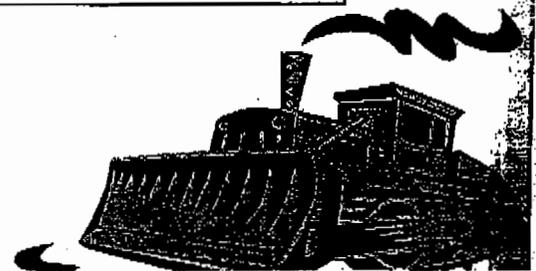
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January 24, 2013

Mike Constantino--Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62751
RE: Riverside Medical Center - Frankfort Emergency Center, Project #12-089

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing to express my support Riverside Medical Center and its plans to construct a free-standing emergency medical center in Frankfort, Illinois. I strongly urge you and the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project without delay.

I disagree with the staff report on the project in regards to the so-called lack of need for this facility. I believe there is a great need for this project on a couple of fronts.

As a business agent for Local 150, I represent working men and women in the region. Make no mistake, we need the jobs this kind of project will bring. Riverside's new emergency medical center will take approximately 10 to 12 months to build, employing 15 to 25 union workers on site at any given time. There will be an additional 20 continuous jobs to operate the facility. Given a still struggling economy, every job is important. We need to put people to work, so that they can provide for their families. I support this project because it will put these folks to work.

Beyond that, once construction is complete, the new facility will offer a full-range of emergency medical services and feature six treatment rooms staffed by board-certified emergency medicine physicians 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The emergency center will be open to the public for the treatment of urgent and emergent medical conditions.

I am also a resident of the area, living with my family in Manteno. The nature of my job has me traveling throughout the region, so I know it well. I know the needs of the working families in the area and this new facility will have a great impact. For folks living in the communities of Mokena, Manhattan, Wilton Center, Manteno, Peotone, Andres, Green Garden, Monee and Frankfort, this facility will mean much shorter travel times to an emergency room. And that can make a great difference in an emergency when minutes count.

I hope the Board will agree that Riverside's plans will benefit this entire area and act accordingly. Again, I hope that you will approve this project.

Best regards,



Pat Young
Business Agent - I.U.O.E LOCAL 150