

Constantino, Mike

From: AnitaStotlar [raltots65@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 11:21 PM
To: Avery, Courtney; Constantino, Mike; panton@siu.edu
Subject: SIH CANCER INSTITUTE
Attachments: SIH CANCER INSTITUTE.docx

March 28, 2013

Ms. Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: SIH Cancer Center, Project #13-005

Dear Ms. Avery,

I'm writing this letter to express my support for the SIH Cancer Center building proposal in southern Illinois.

No matter where you live the word "cancer" strikes fear and for many the fear of being far from home for treatment is terrifying. Besides battling the disease itself patients and care givers often have to cope with traveling long distances, high fuel rates, hotel stays, and time away from work.

I have battled a rare form of Hodgkin's Disease for the last 24 years. I have had the ability and support to make the trips for treatments and tests. Not everyone has that support. I have been blessed with an amazing oncologist, his staff, along with surgeons and radiologists from Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. When I think of the quality of care I received there in that central location, I get very excited about a comprehensive treatment center here in southern Illinois. It will make a huge difference in the lives of those who are or will be suffering from cancer.

Sothern Illinois Healthcare has committed to lead the cancer fight for the people of this region. They've already shown their resolve by bringing more cancer specialists here and by building accredited programs, such as The Breast Center. Your decision to support the SIH Cancer Center building will allow this region's cancer patients to fight the disease where they find strength and hope—at home.

Respectfully,

Anita Stotlar

CC: Mike.Constantino@illinois.gov,

Jennifer Bediu Administrative Director SIH CANCER INSTITUTE

panton@siu.edu