

March 1, 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

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am taking this opportunity to voice my enthusiastic endorsement of Southern Illinois Healthcare's effort to build a comprehensive, freestanding cancer center to serve patients throughout a seven county region of rural southern Illinois. Thousands of these patients live in the most impoverished counties of Illinois. Many of these counties have the additional misfortune of being among those with the highest cancer incidence rates in the state.

Instead of enduring long, tedious and expensive travel outside of Illinois, weary patients along with their family and friends will benefit from the streamlined, team-based care the SIH Cancer Center will now be able to provide under one roof. For the first time in our region, SIH would offer the full continuum of cancer care in a single locale. These vital services include radiation therapy, chemotherapy, a home for multidisciplinary teams for breast, lung, gastrointestinal, genitourinary and head and neck cancers, clinical trials, support, survivorship and rehabilitation care. The SIH Cancer Center also enjoys an academic affiliation with the Simmons Cancer Institute at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. The breadth of this partnership brings additional, much-needed resources to southern Illinois.

Furthermore, many of the patients who will ultimately receive care at the SIH Cancer Center are among our state's most vulnerable--elderly, low-income and uninsured. In fact, all seven of the counties in SIH's service area are federally designated as "Health Professional Shortage Area(s) for Primary Medical Care."

I wholeheartedly support SIH's mission, values and commitment to bring this caliber of cancer care to southern Illinois. Thank you for your time and attention to this project.

Respectfully,

Jennan Davis M.D.



March 5, 2013

Dear Dr. Davis,

As a friend and partner in our journey to build the region's first-ever freestanding cancer center, I respectfully ask if you would be willing to write a letter of support on SIH's behalf.

Each communication to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board should reference the project name, SIH Cancer Center, and the project number, which is #13-005. Please mail or email your letter to the individual(s) listed below by **Monday, April 1, 2013**:

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OR

Email:
Courtney.Avery@illinois.gov
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Please forward a copy to me for my records. I've also attached a sample letter(s) of support if you would prefer to reference it or adopt one as your own.

On behalf of SIH, thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Badiu".

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Please mail these today
JW