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October 1, 2013

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson  
Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

13-047

Re: Midwestern Regional Medical Center Inpatient Bed Tower Modernization

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to express my support for the Midwestern Regional Medical Center (Midwestern) Certificate of Need application in regards to their Inpatient Bed Tower Modernization project.

Midwestern is a cancer hospital where patients receive traditional treatments of care such as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. The hospital also offers alternative services such as naturopathic medicine and nutrition, pain management and spiritual, as well as mind-body support. Midwestern serves as a destination cancer hospital with almost 80% of its patients traveling from out of state. These patients and caregivers come to Midwestern for excellent patient care as evidenced by clinical outcome data and award winning patient satisfaction scores.

Midwestern is a very good partner for the City. Midwestern is the largest employer and highest tax payer in The City of Zion. The patients and caregivers who come to Midwestern spend their valuable dollars in hotels, restaurants, and stores in our community. The employees of Midwestern live and prosper in this area. Growth of Midwestern directly impacts the growth and success of Zion. Midwestern made charitable contributions of approximately \$250k for the support of the local community for organizations such as Kiwanis Club, Zion Park District, WYCA, Habitat for Humanity, and Boys and Girls Club. Midwestern supports our community and we should support the growth of this organization.

This modernization project will continue to support a high level of care and service for their patients. By improving their facilities, Midwestern will continue to be able to attract patients and their caregivers well into the future. Many patients decide to receive treatment at Midwestern due to the quality of care and support they receive from the hospital. The modernization from shared rooms to private rooms will serve to increase the level of care which patients deserve.

I strongly support Midwestern's modernization of their Inpatient Bed Tower without reservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lane Harrison".

Lane Harrison, Mayor

Copy: Scott Jones, President and CEO, Midwestern Regional Medical Center