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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson (2nd Floor)
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter of support for endorsement of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's proposed modernization and expansion. I have been in Carbondale since 1990 in the practice of Ob / Gyn and in that time have witnessed significant changes in our hospital both in services provided and physical expansion. We continue to grow and serve the needs of Southern Illinois offering more specialized services that allow our patients to remain close to home and thus benefit their overall healthcare.

The proposed modernization will hopefully allow us to add further subspecialties such as Gyn Oncology and thus I can offer my patients continued care here in Southern Illinois rather than out of state referral as so many of my patient's opt for care in St. Louis because we do not have a gynecologic oncologist. With our new Cancer Center getting underway nicely, I can easily see Gyn Onc as an additional service for the benefit of our patients. At present, our OR capacity is straining to provide enough OR time for the surgeons on staff and therefore adding additional subspecialists would create further constraints.

In summary, I wholeheartedly endorse the hospital's pursuit of the Certificate of Need and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project 13-069, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Carbondale

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's planned expansion. The project proposes to increase the number of Intensive Care beds and Operating Rooms to address the current and future shortage of beds and surgical space needed to care for patients.

As a member of the region's business community, I can affirm Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's critical role as not only one of the region's largest employers, but also as a leading provider of quality healthcare as has been demonstrated in national accolades in cardiac and stroke care in recent years. Additionally, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and parent organization Southern Illinois Healthcare have done what they said they were going to do by recruiting a number of new physicians and specialists so patients do not have to leave the region for the medical care they need. Furthermore, many of the communities in the hospital's service area are among the most impoverished in Illinois with a number of uninsured and underinsured patients. I applaud the organization's mission to provide care for their patients regardless of their ability to pay – a figure backed up by the substantial amount of charity care the hospital provides each year.

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale is vital to the economic strength of southern Illinois and to the thousands of patients that depend on the hospital every day.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 618-998-4188 or
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Sincerely,



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