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Mr. Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Mr. Constantino,

I am writing in reference to Carle Foundation Hospital's proposal that is currently being considered by the Board. The proposed project seeks to increase access to highly specialized and high quality care in east central Illinois. Carle Foundation Hospital provides specialty services not otherwise found in our community. The Mills Breast Cancer Institute, Carle Cancer Center, Carle Spine Institute, Carle Heart and Vascular Institute, Carle Neuroscience Institute, Trauma Center, and Level III Perinatal Services bring advanced, first-class research and treatment options to the region.

The 51st Senate District that I represent is located immediately west and south of Carle's main hospital campus location. Within my district are a number of small and mid-sized communities, and I am positive that all of my constituents are healthcare consumers from time to time. While most people receive primary care in their communities, there are times when patients require a more advanced level of care. In these cases, patients from around my district are able to transfer to Carle which has been nationally recognized for providing high quality critical care, stroke care and cardiovascular care. There are also a number of critical access hospitals in my area which regularly refer patients to Carle for the types of specialized care they offer.

Based on the demographics of my district with young families and aging seniors, I believe it is important for Carle to have enough space to serve the community and region. I understand that Carle's proposed project will provide 48 additional licensed beds as they complete the unfinished floor of their new bed tower. Without Carle, patients from my district may have to travel farther away for certain higher levels of care.

I believe it is critical for the patients of the 51st District, east central Illinois, and the entire region to have access to high quality health care. Carle's proposal to add licensed beds will help provide that access. I support the Carle request and encourage you to approve this important project.

Best regards,

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Chapin Rose
St. Senator - 51st District



June 20, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. 14-015

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing in support of Carle Foundation Hospital's request to add beds completing construction at its facility to give more patients access to advanced specialty care, and particularly for trauma care.

I am Executive Vice President and Administrator at Decatur Memorial Hospital (DMH) in Decatur, Illinois, a 300 bed, not-for-profit, community hospital that has been providing medical care since 1916 for the residents of Central Illinois. Today, DMH has nearly 2,300 dedicated employees and 300 physicians. DMH encompasses 11 state-of-the-art centers of excellence focusing on transforming modern medicine. DMH has been recognized three consecutive years as a 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospital from Truven Health Analytics. Our hospital and physicians have many options in referring patients to different hospital systems, and I am pleased that we have the option to refer patients to Carle Foundation Hospital.

As a hospital within Region 6, we look to Carle as our Level I Trauma Center for advanced trauma surgery including neuro and ortho-trauma to treat the most critically ill and injured patients. In Decatur, Macon County and the surrounding region we care for patients who are sick and also those who have been injured in car accidents, industrial and agricultural accidents and some who are victims of violence. When our patients need an advanced level of trauma care they benefit from the expertise and level of care available at Carle.

At Carle Foundation Hospital, our patients and their families can stay closer to home while receiving treatment. Carle also accepts several different health insurance plans, which alleviates several financial concerns when we make the decision to refer a patient.

I endorse the Carle plan to build out the ninth floor of Carle Tower, which will provide our patients from Decatur and throughout the region with greater access to tertiary level health care. I respectfully request that you approve this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Timothy D. Stone Jr.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy D. Stone Jr.
Executive Vice President and Administrator



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June 20, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Re: Carle Foundation Hospital, Project No. 14-015
Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing in support of Carle Foundation Hospital's request to add beds at its facility in Urbana, Illinois. If approved, this request will increase high-quality health care offerings in east central Illinois and will provide my patients support when needed for more specialized treatment. By building out the ninth floor of Carle Tower and adding 48 beds, Carle will have improved capacity to serve the region, which includes patients from my practices.

In my general surgery practice, I see patients at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center and Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center as well as Iroquois Memorial Hospital. I am an assistant clinical professor of surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and I am a member of the Vermilion County Medical Society, The Illinois State Medical Society and American College of Surgeons. My interests are in thyroid, parathyroid and colorectal surgeries. With my experience as a general surgeon, I can meet the needs of many patients in our area, however, as healthcare has become more complex and many patients require advanced surgical interventions, Carle's surgical specialists provide my patients with extended continuity of care for procedures that cannot be performed at a critical access hospital.

Carle Foundation Hospital provides highly specialized care for the most critically ill patients in the region offering life-saving services through Carle Heart and Vascular Institute. Patients may also access through Carle orthopedic trauma surgery and rehabilitation, wound healing, and a digestive health center. It is important to me that patients have an excellent recovery program and in addition to the specialties available, Carle offers private rooms for each patient after surgery, which helps prevent infection and speeds healing.

Carle accepts a number of different of insurance plans. That, coupled with a robust charity care program, allows me to treat my patients knowing they will have the support needed so they can focus on getting better.

Without Carle, many patients would have to be referred out of the region to Chicago, or even out of state to facilities in Indianapolis.

I endorse the request to build out this additional space at Carle Foundation Hospital so more patients in east central Illinois can have access to high-quality, advanced care and I respectfully ask that you approve this project.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chase, MD

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Kathryn Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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RE: Project # 14-015

Dear Ms. Olson,

My name is Dr. Leland A. Phipps. I am Chief of Staff at Paris Community Hospital. I have practiced in Paris for the last thirty three years. I look to Carle Foundation Hospital for my tertiary care and have for over three decades. I whole heartedly support their proposal to increase their number of beds to allow my patients to have better access to this wonderful care.

Over the past many years, I have a very good working relationship with the physicians at Carle Foundation Hospital and have come to depend on them all times of the day and night using all the way from their orthopedic surgeons, their trauma surgery, infectious disease, cardiology, wound care, gastroenterology and trauma.

When an admission is outside the scope of Paris Community Hospital and my patient's need of higher level of care, my preference and the preference of most of my patients is referral to Carle Foundation Hospital.

As we all know, in order to be affective in patient care and provide what is needed one must have the resources and the infrastructure. As my patient population has changed over the last many years, I believe everyone else's has too. We have multiple comorbidities needing input from multiple specialists and multiple services to assure the best outcome and the best care. Without increasing the number of beds, it is going to be more and more difficult to transfer my patients to Carle Foundation Hospital because we are going to be competing for space. It appears most favorably that adding beds to the Carle Tower will address this problem.

On behalf of myself, my medical staff and my patients, I strongly encourage you and your board to approve the request by Carle Foundation Hospital. Thank you for your time. If we can be of further of help, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Leland A. Phipps MD
Chief of Staff
Paris Community Hospital

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Committed to
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June 19, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Dear Ms. Olson –

I am writing to express my support for additional beds at Carle Foundation Hospital to complete the Carle Tower patient care space which will increase access to care for my patients.

I am a primary care physician and Chief of Staff at Crawford Memorial Hospital (CMH) in Robinson, Illinois. CMH is a 25-bed critical access acute care facility, with outpatient clinics throughout the community.

We pride ourselves on improving the health of Crawford County through the wide array of services we provide. Our facilities provide excellent care, although we are limited in what can be provided at a critical access hospital.

For instance, the Bone & Joint Center at CMH is devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of injuries and musculoskeletal diseases through joint replacement and other interventions. However, industrial and agricultural accidents happen, and sometimes these injuries can be traumatic to the spine head or other areas. In those cases, we must look elsewhere for the best patient outcomes. Carle's experts that specialize in trauma give us confidence that our patients are seeing the best in this region.

Carle's Level I Trauma Center is a primary entry point for our patients to receive the best in heart care, stroke care, infectious disease treatment and many others. In fact, patients at Crawford also benefit from seeing Carle physicians who provide visiting specialty care here for cardiology, neurology and oncology. When our patients must receive treatment outside CMH, I want the best for them and also know that their transition of care from Carle and back to our local practice will be seamless.

As a tertiary care center located two hours from Carle Foundation Hospital, our patients depend upon a timely transfer because the longer they wait, the more critical their case may become. When Carle does not have beds available we must seek alternate placements for patients meaning we must take additional time to find another accepting facility and must send the patient and family further away from home to receive care.

That is why as a rural physician I am particularly interested in this project at Carle and I am in full support. I request the Illinois Health Facilities Board approves this proposal that will help patients throughout the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Kastner'.

Gregory Kastner, MD
Chief of Staff, Crawford Memorial Hospital and Rural Health Clinic