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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Kathy Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project 14-062

Dear Ms. Olson:

This letter is written in support of plans by Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center (SBL) to build a new cancer center at their main campus near Mattoon. SBL has a long history of providing care in this community, and a new cancer center will permit residents to receive care in an updated and larger facility.

Over the years, SBL organization has made substantial contributions to the quality and access to care available to our community. They have been successful in recruiting highly qualified providers and offer many programs to the community at no cost to participants, including the delivery of uncompensated care. An updated and larger cancer center represents their continued commitment to their mission to provide excellent care for all and to create healthy communities. I recommend the Board's approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Smith
Chief Marketing Officer