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**BRUCE RAUNER**  
GOVERNOR

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MercyRockford Health System  
Rockford, Illinois 61101

Congratulations!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the MercyRockford Health System announcement to build a brand new hospital in Rockford, Illinois.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the organizers and volunteers of today's event. This is an opportune moment to rejoice in the fact that MercyRockford Health Systems chose to move their corporate headquarters to Rockford. Located off of I-90, this \$350 million healthcare facility is one of the largest and most significant projects in Rockford. By expanding upon the current neonatal region program, this hospital will become the most state-of-the-art health center. Furthermore, this project will expand services, strengthen patient care, enhance access, and bring jobs and economic growth to the region while helping Rockford become a healthcare destination.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a memorable event and many years of success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" and last name "Rauner" clearly distinguishable.

Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois