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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor
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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Hospital's 1) Certificate of Need application to modernize its existing facility and construct a new Women and Children's Tower and 2) Exemption Application to add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I'm writing to endorse the proposal by SwedishAmerican Health System to upgrade and expand its facilities and services in Rockford including the construction of a Women's and Children's Center.

The proposed $130 million expansion will modernize SwedishAmerican's Emergency Department and operating rooms and allow for construction of a Women's and Children's Center on the existing hospital campus. Not only does the project help provide all Rockford residents with proximate access to the highest levels of care, it also helps anchor the community's urban core by bringing a broad range of employment opportunities to one of our most poverty-stricken neighborhoods.

SwedishAmerican, presented with Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award, is already the largest birthing center in the region. With the addition of a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), SwedishAmerican will be able to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery; this is a particularly positive development for my constituents.

I fully support this proposal by SwedishAmerican to advance its quality of care and grow its service capacity, as has been the hospital's tradition in Rockford for more than a century.

Sincerely,

Steve Stadelman

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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican Major Modernization, New Women's and Children's Center, and NICU

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Please let this letter serve as confirmation of my enthusiastic support for SwedishAmerican Health System's proposal to modernize its facilities and services and construct a Women's and Children's Center in Rockford.

SwedishAmerican has provided health care to the Rockford community for over 100 years; this proposed update and expansion of its facilities and services will ensure that SwedishAmerican is able to continue to provide our entire community with the best care and services available.

A portion of the $130 million modernization process will allow for the construction of a Women's and Children's Center. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in the Rockford area and a recipient of Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The creation of a center specific to the care of women and children will allow SwedishAmerican to become a Level III Nursery, complete with a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), providing the highest level of care for residents of the west and south sides of Rockford.

SwedishAmerican is an essential asset to the community of Rockford. I support its proposal to modernize and expand its facilities and services so the Rockford area can more fully benefit from this vital resource.

Respectfully,

John M. Cabello
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RE: Support for SwedishAmerican Major Modernization, New Women's and Children's Center, and NICU

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I am writing to express my strong support for SwedishAmerican Health System's proposed modernization of its existing facilities and services, and its construction of a new Women's and Children's Center on the existing hospital campus. This project will benefit the entire city of Rockford, and will be especially important to the Rockford west and south side communities that have been directly served by this vital hospital for over 100 years.

The proposed $130 million modernization and expansion will include private inpatient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

Importantly, SwedishAmerican plans to establish a state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Center that will include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Once approved, the NICU would allow SwedishAmerican to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery and treat more complex neo-natal patients – making such care immediately accessible to the west and south sides of Rockford. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and is the only area hospital to have received the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will assure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

I enthusiastically support the SwedishAmerican proposal to modernize its facilities and create a new Women's and Children's Center.

Sincerely,

Joe Sosnowski
State Representative
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