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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
C/O Courtney Avery, Administrator  
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RE: Project Number (17-051)-letter of Support for the OSF Health Care St. Anthony's Cancer Center

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the Chairman of the OSF St. Anthony's Health Center Community Board, it is my honor to write to you in support of the OSF Health Care St. Anthony's Cancer Center. I have lived in this community for 60 years and been a member of the St. Anthony's Health Center Foundation, Governing Board and Community Board for over 20 years. I know first hand how important it is to have high quality health care in our community, including compassionate high quality cancer care.

Forty years ago, my Mother, at age 45, was afflicted with malignant melanoma. The availability of competent local health care allowed her to receive treatment minutes from home instead of thousands of miles away.

OSF has the leading oncology team in the region, and is limited only by the current facilities. This high quality team reflects the compassion in the Sisters of St. Francis mission of providing health care in our community.

The 17,000 square foot cancer center will be built on the OSF St. Anthony's campus adjacent to the hospital, thereby consolidating medical services in a convenient, comforting atmosphere, supported by a personal navigation program that allows the patient to focus on wellness, not worrying about logistics.

In summary, I believe that this Cancer Center will provide our region a patient centered, compassionate care facility that is close to home and serve patients from detection to survivorship.

With the OSF Cancer Team's outstanding record of cancer care, the state of the art facility will be an unparalleled asset to the Greater Alton Community.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Kratschmer  
Chairman  
OSF St. Anthony's Health Center Community Board