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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

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Administrator Avery:

I write to you today in support of Blessing Hospital and their proposal for a project to construct a new Medical Office building at 4800 Maine Street in Quincy, Illinois. Blessing Hospital is a locally-owned, not-for-profit facility that has stood as the largest hospital and trauma center within one hundred miles of its location for well over a century. As State Senator of the 47th Legislative District, I understand the uniquely key role Blessing plays as a medical provider, not only to my constituency, but to all citizens in the local tristate region.

Recent assessments have reported a need for additional physicians in order to meet the growing demand for medical services in this area. This new medical facility would provide the space needed to undergo this much needed recruitment process. In accordance with the ethical principles outlined in Pt. 2 of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, I have evaluated Blessing Hospital's plan and determined that this project serves the public interest and is specifically beneficial to the citizens of my district.

If you would like to discuss this further or if you have any questions or concerns to address with me, please feel free to contact my office at any time using the information provided below.

Sincerely,

Jil Tracy
State Senator
Illinois 47th District
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