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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
2nd Floor  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers  
Modernization and Infrastructure Renewal Project  
CON Application #18-033**

Dear Ms. Avery:

As President/CEO of Silver Cross Hospital, I strongly support approval of a CON permit for the Modernization and Infrastructure Renewal project at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. This project will permit the Hospital to continue its long term commitment to providing high quality services to the residents of Grundy County and neighboring communities. It is our understanding that the project is to include:

- The modernization and expansion of the Emergency Department to provide state-of-the-art services;
- Improvements to surgical facilities, imaging and other diagnostic services to improve patient satisfaction and operational efficiencies;
- Establish of a Women's Imaging Center; and
- The upgrade of infrastructure in dated structures.

Silver Cross Hospital and Morris Hospital have a long history of collaboration and bringing much needed services to our respective local communities.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Ruth Colby  
President/CEO