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Ms. Debra Savage
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Javon Bea Hospital – Rockton Avenue Campus' Establishment of Subacute Care Unit 19-056

Dear Ms. Savage:

The University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford has long worked collaboratively with Javon Bea Hospital to deliver healthcare services in and around Winnebago County. I write at their request to express the college's support for the hospital's certificate of need application for a 17-bed subacute care unit.

The hospital provides faculty to train medical students on campus; we also work with the hospital on placements of our pharmacy and medical students in a practice setting. Most recently, we worked closely to set up an affiliation arrangement to enable resident training.

The establishment of a subacute unit that will serve acute care patients ready for discharge, but in need of specialized services not typically available in skilled care facilities will enhance student and resident training opportunities. Furthermore, we know this care, including for Rockford's senior population, is needed in the Rockford community.

In sum, we urge approval of the Hospital's application and hope you will quickly approve it.

Sincerely,

Alex Stagnaro-Green, MD, MHPE, MHA