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January 13, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to send this letter of support for Mercyhealth Javon Bea Hospital's CON application for Project 19-056 to establish a subacute care unit at its Rockton Avenue Campus in Rockford, Illinois. I serve as Illinois State Representative for the 69<sup>th</sup> District, which includes Riverside Boulevard in Rockford. Javon Bea Hospital opened its second campus, the state-of-the-art Riverside location, in my district just over a year ago. It is clear to me that they are an economic engine in area.

I write now to express my appreciation for the care Mercyhealth provides in the community, and to whole-heartedly support their efforts to expand available services. I commend Mercyhealth for repurposing its existing space at Javon Bea Hospital's Rockton Avenue campus. Rockford's west side remains challenging and a medically underserved area. Despite these challenges, Mercyhealth has admirably continued to make significant capital investments in the facility, and remains committed to keeping that campus both viable and vibrant. As I understand it, this sub-acute unit will enable Mercyhealth to make more efficient use of hospital beds at both Javon Bea Hospital's Rockton Avenue and Riverside Boulevard campus locations.

I fully support CON Project 19-056 without reservation, and I ask that you approve their request at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Sosnowski", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Joe Sosnowski  
State Representative 69<sup>th</sup> District