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RE: Letter of Support for Comprehensive Cancer Center and Proton Therapy.

As a patient with cancer, I am writing this letter to express my support of the plans by OSF Healthcare to establish a comprehensive cancer center and proton beam therapy in Peoria, IL.

In 2016 I received 32 rounds of proton radiation at the proton facility in Warrenville, IL. This involved driving over 300 miles a day Monday thru Friday to receive treatment. If this therapy was available in Peoria, IL it would have been more convenient and caused less stress on myself and family.

Many adults and children in central Illinois would benefit from having proton therapy centrally located in the middle of the state. Most people prefer not to drive to the Chicago area for cancer treatment. Being in Peoria would be great asset in both cancer treatment and convenience.

This cancer facility would offer a state of the art treatment to rural areas surrounding Peoria. OSF Healthcare is showing how much they care for this group of people by proceeding with such advanced type of cancer treatment.

I urge you to approve this project so that surrounding communities will have easy access to the care they need.

Sincerely,

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