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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

We write to express our strong support for SwedishAmerican Health System's proposed modernization of its existing facilities and services, and its construction of a new Women's and Children's Center on the existing hospital campus. While of great benefit to the entire city of Rockford, this project is especially important to the Rockford west and south side communities that have been directly served by this vital hospital for over 100 years.

The proposed \$105 million modernization and expansion will include private inpatient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

Importantly, SwedishAmerican plans to establish a state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Center that will include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Once approved, the NICU would allow SwedishAmerican to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery and treat more complex neo-natal patients – making such care immediately accessible to the west and south sides of Rockford. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and is the only area hospital to have received the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will assure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

SwedishAmerican has long been vital to the Rockford community and its residents, and I strongly support its plans to modernize its facilities and create a new Women's and Children's Center and urge you give their efforts the consideration they deserve.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senator



Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Senator

CHERI BUSTOS
17TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

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Of particular importance to the Rockford community I represent, SwedishAmerican plans to establish a state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Center that will include a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Once approved, the NICU would allow SwedishAmerican to apply for designation as a Level III Nursery and treat more complex neo-natal patients – making such care immediately accessible to the west and south sides of Rockford. SwedishAmerican is already the largest birthing center in Rockford, and is the only area hospital to have received the Healthgrades' Labor and Delivery Excellence Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will assure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

SwedishAmerican is important to the Rockford community and its residents, and I support its plans to modernize its facilities and create a new Women's and Children's Center.

Respectfully,



Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 7, 2017

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor
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**RE: Support for SwedishAmerican Major Modernization,
New Women's and Children's Center, and NICU**

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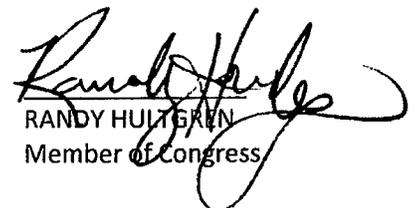
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SwedishAmerican has long been vital to the Rockford community and its residents, and we enthusiastically support its plans to modernize its facilities and create a new Women's and Children's Center.

Sincerely,


ADAM KINZINGER
Member of Congress


PETER ROSKAM
Member of Congress


RANDY HULTGREN
Member of Congress