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

Re: Requested Approval for SwedishAmerican Hospital's CON Application to Modernize its Existing Facility and Construct a New Women and Children's Tower, and its Exemption Application to Add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

As Alderman-elect of the ward in which Swedish American Hospital is located, and on behalf of its residents, I respectfully request your approval of the above-referenced CON and COE applications. My constituents need proximate access to the highest quality of healthcare, and SwedishAmerican Hospital merits your full support as it endeavors to meet those needs.

The proposed $130 million modernization and expansion will include private in-patient rooms, as well as a modernized Emergency Department, operating rooms, and other needed services.

Importantly, Swedish American 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 patiets- 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 Excellent Award. The addition of a Level III Nursery at SwedishAmerican, together with the new Women's and Children's Center, will ensure access to the highest quality of care for all Rockford area families.

Please know that this project is of vital importance to my constituents and to me. It will benefit the entire City of Rockford, and especially its west and south side communities that have been directly served by this hospital for over 100 years. Please be part of improving lives and shaping a better future.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Klarer Logemann

Rockford's 2nd Ward Alderman-elect