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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Expression of Support
E-024-19 – MetroSouth Medical Center

Dear Administrator Avery:

We the undersigned CEOs of seven Illinois hospitals are writing to provide perspective on the recent exemption application filed by Quorum Health to cease operations at MetroSouth Medical Center. Our hospitals are owned or operated by subsidiaries and affiliates of Quorum Health Corporation (“Quorum” or “Quorum Health”). Our facilities range from full-service hospitals in urban communities to Critical Access Hospitals in small rural areas.

We hope this letter helps to provide the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (the Board) with some important context as the application is considered.

Through our affiliation with the Quorum network of hospitals, we represent a critical piece of the health care fabric in the state. Quorum hospitals in Illinois (not including MetroSouth) provide **more than 3,000 jobs** in Waukegan, Galesburg, Granite City, Red Bud, Mt. Vernon, Marion, and Anna-Jonesboro. We provide an economic impact (not including MetroSouth) of **approximately \$400 million** dollars every year. In many circumstances we provide patient care in communities without other health care options.

We recognize this is a very difficult situation, but any delay in approving the exemption application would hinder Quorum’s ability to meet specific financial obligations within our seven Illinois facilities and put our operations at risk.

We believe you have received valuable information regarding the specifics of this circumstance in the filings to the Board in E-024-19.

Thank you for considering our views and the very real consequences we seek to avoid as Quorum winds down operations at MetroSouth.

Respectfully submitted,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Amanda Basso'.

Amanda Basso, CEO
Crossroads Community Hospital

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bob Moore'.

Bob Moore, CEO
Galesburg Cottage Hospital

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ed Cunningham'.

Ed Cunningham, CEO
Gateway Regional Medical Center

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Melisa Adkins'.

Melisa Adkins, CEO
Heartland Regional Medical Center

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Shane Watson'.

Shane Watson, CEO
Red Bud Regional Hospital

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jim Farris'.

Jim Farris, CEO
Union County Hospital

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Norman Stephens'.

Norman Stephens, CEO
Vista Medical Center