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Dear Ms. Avery,

I write to express my support of Franciscan St. James Health's proposed reorganization plan to its Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields campuses.

As a longtime resident and government official from Chicago's south suburbs, I am acutely aware of the healthcare needs of this region and believe that the proposed level of care offered by the restructuring will play a tremendous role in fulfilling that need and providing essential services to our growing Southland community.

I have spoken with community stakeholders as well as representatives of Franciscan St. James Health and agree that this move is needed to allow for a continuum of high-quality care by St. James. With its proposed new investment in our community, St. James will expand and enhance many of its services to better care for residents, particularly in the areas of behavioral health, primary care and urgent care.

Once again, the proposed reorganization will have a significant positive impact for local residents and thus merits approval from the Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Thank you for your deliberation on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress



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January 29, 2016

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RE: Franciscan St. James-Chicago Heights, COE E-08-16
Franciscan St. James- Olympia Fields, CON 16-005

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as an indication of METT Therapy Services' support for Franciscan St. James Health's plan to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. METT has enjoyed a close working relationship with Franciscan St. James Health, and looks forward to that relationship continuing.

METT Therapy Services has been a provider of physical and occupational therapies in the southland since 1993. In 1999 METT was engaged by Franciscan St. James Health to be their provider of physical and occupational therapy services. With Franciscan St. James services are provided in Beecher, Frankfort, Olympia Fields and three other locations in Chicago Heights beside the hospital. METT works with local chambers of commerce in providing health fairs and exploring ways to better serve both the healthcare and wellness needs of the community.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Bihl".

Eric S. Bihl
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January 27, 2016

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RE: Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights COE E-08-16
Franciscan St. James Health- Olympia Fields CON 16-005

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the southland region. It is our belief, after covering St. James for many years via our publications, it is making these plans to ensure that health care is available to all of the citizens in the region. The general commitment to ensure this by making the necessary changes that also make it viable as a health care choice for decades to come, is another reason to support the plans as submitted.

It is our hope that the board recognizes the unique circumstances that health care providers are facing through out the state and nation which provides opportunities for them to be innovative in how they ensure health care to those most in need, and with sometimes little resources to afford it. It is our belief that St. James has done well in the past. Under this plan, their work will continue.

Taylor Media is the publisher of six newspapers and magazines which serves the southland of Chicago. We have offices in Kankakee, Illinois and Olympia Fields, IL. We have covered St. James and Olympia Fields Hospital extensively. We have attended each meeting hosted by St. James Hospital regarding the plans and have drawn our conclusions from this base of knowledge and engagement.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James JT Taylor".

James "JT" Taylor

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February 3, 2016

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RE: Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights
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Franciscan St. James Health-Olympia Fields
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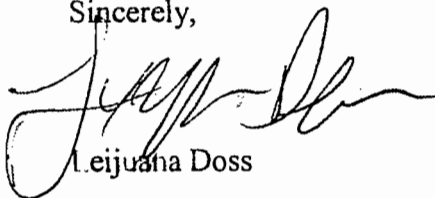
Please accept this letter as 9 10th Realty's support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. It is our belief that this plan best serves the needs for the community now and provides a stable platform to ensure that healthcare needs of the community are met well into the future.

As a Managing Broker in the Chicago Heights area, many of my clients ask about healthcare for the southland region. St. James' reputation for providing excellent healthcare services satisfies my clients' concerns. I know that St. James' reorganization to improve its healthcare services will be welcomed.

Also, my past engagements with St. James Health representatives have proven that they are committed to the healthcare needs of the community. I strongly concur that access to the most needed health care services, including primary care, urgent care, and mental health programming will be enhanced through Franciscan St. James' plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely,



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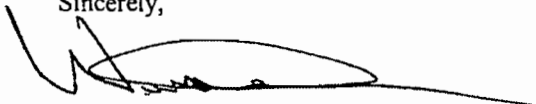
Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as Nu Age Medical Solutions' support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. It is our belief that this plan best serves the needs for the community now and provides a stable platform to ensure that health care needs of the community are met well into the future.

As a Pharmaceutical Consultant for Nu Age, my past engagements with St. James Health representatives have proven that they are committed to the healthcare needs of the community. I strongly concur that access to the most needed health care services, including primary care, urgent care, and mental health programming will be enhanced through Franciscan St. James' plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely,



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February 1, 2016

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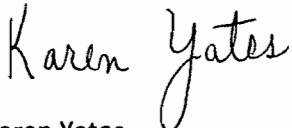
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Franciscan St. James Health, Olympia Fields, CON 16-005

Dear Ms. Avery,

Please accept this letter as an indication of my support of Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the delivery of health care in both Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields. I have been an employee of Franciscan Alliance for 36 years and know very well how dedicated the Sisters and staff are to taking care of the people who trust us with their healthcare needs. The improvements to the Olympia Fields campus are going to enable that campus to meet the future needs of the people the Sisters have committed to be here for well into the future. The two hospitals are about 6 minutes apart and the changes at the Chicago Heights campus will not adversely affect the level of care received. I live very close to the Chicago Heights campus and have no concerns about the extra few minutes it would take to get to the Olympia Fields campus via ambulance or car. I am happy to know that once I get there, all the services I could need are right there and I would not be required to be taken via ambulance (again) for necessary treatment. That is the case now. I commend the Sisters for trying to maintain their presence in the south suburbs of Chicago. Healthcare is very challenging and at St. James we are constantly raising the bar for ourselves. We are dedicated to the patients we care for and that dedication will not change.

Sincerely yours,


Karen Yates

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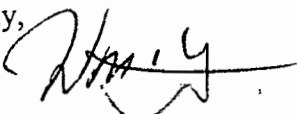
Please accept this letter as Brothers Keepers Community Outreach Church's support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. It is our belief that this plan best serves the needs for the community now and provides a stable platform to ensure that health care needs of the community are met well into the future.

As a church of worship in the Chicago Heights area, Brothers Keeper Community Outreach Church sponsors health fairs, provide trades training, feeding programs and other community Outreach efforts. Since 1987 we have served this community. We believe our past engagements with St. James Health representatives have proven that they are committed to the healthcare needs of the community.

We strongly concur that access to the most needed health care services, including primary care, urgent care, and mental health programming will be enhanced through Franciscan St. James' plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Dr. William McCoy