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March 7, 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,

This letter is submitted as indication of my full support of Franciscan St. James Health's applications before the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Specialty Physicians of Illinois, LLC, is a group of accomplished physicians providing comprehensive healthcare services to patients across a broad spectrum of specialties and disciplines. We strongly embrace the plan that Franciscan St. James has put before the board. It reflects the changing health care delivery system that physicians are using in their practices and demonstrates the hospital's commitment and business need to be organized in ways that truly fosters service to our patients in the most effective manner.

Having one modern, updated facility at Franciscan St. James in Olympia Fields, with all services under one roof, allows for better care. Expanding the primary care and urgent care facilities in Chicago Heights will give our physicians additional tools with which to provide care and treat patients in the appropriate setting.

Additionally, Franciscan St. James' proposal before the Board will help us to attract well-qualified physicians who want to practice at the most modern facilities available. We work every day to engage the best physicians so we can continue to provide the level of care everyone should expect. This community deserves nothing less.

I urge the Board to approve Franciscan St. James Health's plan.

Sincerely,

Craig Miller, FACHE  
Executive Director  
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Richard A. Merlo  
*President*

*Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Service Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson  
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*February 23, 2016*

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

*Dear Ms. Avery,*

*As a Chicago Heights business owner, I'm always concerned about the level of available health care in our community for my co-workers and me. We've used both Franciscan Alliance facilities in Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields over the years and I've personally had surgeries and outpatient services in these facilities. Inevitably, manufacturing facilities with a large number of employees will have needs for ER services as we have over the past 10 years. My co-workers and I are very excited about the proposed changes to both facilities and agree that the new comprehensive ER will be a welcome and comforting addition to our group if and when an emergency arises.*

*It has become apparent that the Franciscan St. James Health group understands the needs of the community by recognizing that aged facilities in key locations are best utilized by enhancing their greatest attributes and sharing the responsibilities of other services with newer, updated sister facilities. With the \$137 million investment in our community, we will not only see benefits to the businesses in the community, we will enhance the capabilities of both Franciscan Alliance facilities by creating world class services similar to "big city" hospital networks.*

*All of us at JDM Steel Services, Inc. fully support this proposed project and look forward to utilizing the vast array of services at both facilities.*

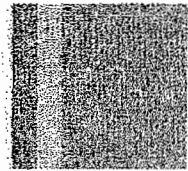
*Sincerely,*

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*Richard A Merlo  
President  
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**SEA PRODUCTS II, INC.**

2460 St. Andrews Drive  
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February 29, 2016

**Ms. Courtney Avery**  
**Administrator**  
**Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board**  
**525 West Jefferson**  
**Springfield, IL 62761**

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I want to emphatically support the referenced applications for the restructuring of healthcare in our community by Franciscan St. James Health. As a patient and former resident of Chicago Heights and current resident of Olympia Fields I believe it is imperative to move quickly on these proposals to ensure the needed changes and redevelopment are approved and completed as proposed.

My family has owned and operated businesses since 1960 in Chicago Heights, Olympia Fields, and Park Forest. Franciscan St. James is an outstanding community hospital with multiple campuses and clinical sites spread across seventeen communities throughout the South Suburban area. Consolidating inpatient care and services at one campus is necessary to guarantee the financial stability of this healthcare ministry. Expanding clinical services throughout the service area will provide appropriate levels of care with Urgent Care and community health initiatives, including primary care expansion. The largest comprehensive Emergency Department in South Cook and Will Counties will provide the best consolidation of resources.

Finally, Chicago Heights and Olympia Fields residents share backyards, a Fire Department, schools, and village boundaries and must share healthcare facilities and a hospital. Please approve these applications on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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Terrence L. Brown/ President/ SEA Products II, Inc.





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January 23, 2016

Mary Parr

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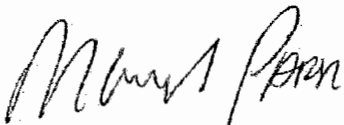
Dear Ms. Avery:

As we examined the plans for St. James and Olympia Fields and attended the public meetings held by St. James as well as the public hearing held by your agency, it became clear that to ensure quality health care in the regions served, the above referenced plans have to be approved. The people of the southland have had the relative reassurance through out the decades that St. James would be there. Their commitment of over 100 years evidences that.

As a church member with friends and family who work at the hospital and have been born or died their, I believe that the plan assures that the hospital will be financially sound under that plan and this will lead to a viable health option for years to come.

I ask that you approve the plan as submitted.

Respectfully Submitted





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

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Dear Ms. Avery,

**Arlene Ashbach**  
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As President and CEO of a Chicago Heights based nonprofit organization we have a strong partnership with Franciscan St. James Health. Our nonprofit supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We have nine group homes and a wide range of community based services. Over 95% of the people we support are enrolled in Medicaid. Unfortunately, due to the types of disabilities our individuals have they are frequently receiving emergency services and other medical care in our community. St. James Health has been outstanding to work with to improve the health of our individuals.

I support the proposed plans Franciscan St. James Health is proposing for our community. The proposed \$137 million investment in the community will help shape our healthcare for generations. Improved emergency room services at the Olympia Fields campus will make the experience for our individuals with disabilities much better. We are also excited to see an expanded urgent care facility in Chicago Heights.

Change for many people can be difficult. I believe this change will help the Chicago Southland in the long run, and specifically, help the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities we support.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Strick  
President/CEO

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March 1, 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:

Thank you for allowing me to communicate my full support of the above-listed Franciscan St. James Health applications recently submitted to your agency.

I am a life-long resident of the South Suburbs, grew up and went to school in Chicago Heights and opened up my first business adjacent to the St. James Chicago Heights campus. I am fully aware of the impact St. James has had on the community and the significant investments they have made for all of us in the Southland.

I am also impressed that while the Sisters of St. Francis have been accused of "leaving the community", "closing down", and "running away", they have remained steadfast in their commitment to the area. They have remained respectful and professional through this entire process. They have invested more in the area than any business I know of and continue to remain committed to the area and more importantly to the residents of the Southland. It is important for all of us to support the business decisions that will keep them more viable for years to come.

I am hopeful that you and the entire Board will approve the above-referenced application so that the Sisters of St. Francis can continue to do their work in the Southland region.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Panici", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anthony Panici, RPh  
Pharmacist  
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January 29, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Service Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

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 as an indication of RevMD Partners LLC's support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. RevMD Partner's has enjoyed a close working relationship with Franciscan St. James Health and it looks forward to that relationship continuing.

RevMD is 100% dedicated to healthcare clients and offers the following accounts receivable management services: Insurance Collections, Early-out Self Pay Collections and Bad Debt Collections. RevMD was founded in 2011 with the purpose of addressing the growing problem of large volume receivables that providers were facing. We realized that the only way to effectively manage the large volumes of receivables was to create a new paradigm for working these accounts. RevMD applies technology, experience, and a quality focus to deliver solutions that improve accounts receivable management and enhance patient relations for healthcare providers.

Our relationship with St. James consists of helping them in their pursuit of accounts receivables by performing the following functions. We work as patient advocates to help their patients work through the insurance reimbursement process. We also determine any residual balance and work out amicable payment schedules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick DiGiovanni Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick DiGiovanni Jr  
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January 23, 2016

Vincent Lockett

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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I ask that you approve the plan as submitted.



Respectfully Submitted





**FLOSSMOOR**  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

February 25, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

By way of introduction, I am a Veterinarian and the owner of Flossmoor Animal Hospital. We are located around the corner from the Franciscan St. James Olympia Fields campus. I am writing to you today to formally declare my support for the strategic restructuring plan put forth by Franciscan St. James.

Growing a successful small business in the southern suburbs can be difficult. I am constantly challenged to remain solvent while continuing to provide a high level of care for our residents. Recently, two neighboring clinics, that had been operating for over fifty years, closed their doors. I cheer for the investment of any company into their existing companies and am especially pleased when that investment means more access to quality health care for our community.

Finally, I believe that the long term viability of Franciscan St. James is vital to our area. They provide an economic boost to a region that has struggled for years. It is the largest employer in the area as well as the closest trauma center for not only my clients but my family. It is essential that they be allowed to stabilize financially to ensure they stay in our region long-term.

Sincerely,

*Raechel Willard*

Raechel A. Willard, DVM  
Owner  
Flossmoor Animal Hospital

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March 4, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Illinois Health Facilities & Service Review Board  
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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,

I am writing to you as a multi-generational business owner in the Southland. My father started our family business in Chicago Heights in 1945. We have called the Southland home ever since.

I fully understand the financial realities that many local business face as we chose to relocate to the Matteson area, just a few miles west of both the Olympia Fields and Chicago Heights campuses. No differently than Franciscan St. James Health, we had aging facilities and needed to make strategic decisions to ensure our own business's growth and success.

It is with this realization that I fully support and endorse the enhancement plan being proposed by Franciscan St. James. Clearly, the hospital has been an anchor in our community and I applaud their willingness to make bold decisions to ensure their sustainability and presence in a community that needs them. Truly, they are critical to the area and especially, my employees and customers that utilize Franciscan St. James Health.

Thank you for your willingness to accept this letter of support for Franciscan St. James Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis K Bauer'.

Dennis K Bauer  
President  
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