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***Letter of Support for Affiliation Between Methodist Health Services Corporation
and Iowa Health System***

Dear Ms. Avery:

We support a strong healthcare delivery system offering high-quality integrated care. With the expectation that working together will foster increased market competition and facilitate further advances in quality, we support the affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation and Iowa Health System. We are a national company with employees in most every state. We are proud to have had an office in Peoria for many years.

UnitedHealthcare has enjoyed a positive business relationship with both Methodist and Iowa Health System for a very long time. Both systems have a very positive reputation for the quality of care they deliver. I believe an affiliation between these two entities has the potential to increase the level of hospital competition and therefore be good for Peoria.

More specifically, I am hopeful that this affiliation will benefit the many members of UnitedHealthcare in Central Illinois. I also expect that an affiliation between Methodist and Iowa Health System will result in an overall improvement in the quality and accessibility of health care throughout this geographic region.

Therefore, I am offering my support and would respectfully encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation and Iowa Health System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DKueter', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Kueter

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