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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Project No. E 22-13, Affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation and Proctor Health Care Incorporated (Proctor Hospital)

Dear Courtney:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation ("Methodist") and Proctor Health Care Incorporated ("Proctor").

It is my belief that the affiliation will: (a) result in measurable benefits to consumers and payers through quality improvements, development of new services, efficiency enhancements and other potential cost savings; (b) expand access to affordable healthcare services in the community; (c) allow Methodist and Proctor to work together to develop viable responses to the rapidly changing market impacting healthcare delivery systems, including federal healthcare reform legislation, reductions in reimbursement and movement toward global and full-risk payment models; (d) advance excellence in clinical innovations, access, services, quality, cost, outcomes and medical education for both Methodist and Proctor; and (e) expand medical education opportunities in the community and assist in the development and training of much needed physicians and other healthcare professionals.

For all of these reasons, I would respectfully encourage the Review Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the proposed affiliation between Methodist and Proctor.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Manier, Mayor