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Timothy J. Brosnan
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Palos Community Hospital
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Dear Mr. Brosnan:

Earlier this month, I received an email from you on behalf of Palos Community Hospital requesting that I write a letter to the Illinois Health Facilities Board in support of the "expansion/construction" of a new ambulatory office building in Orland Park. I was happy to comply with this request. I have written similar letters on behalf of area hospitals in the past because I am always supportive of any effort to expand the delivery of health services in my district.

However, since writing and sending the letters of support to the state board, it has come to my attention that the existing health and wellness center operated by Palos at the site will be demolished to make room for the newly proposed office building. Regrettably, this important information was not presented to me in your initial request for a letter of support.

I am dismayed to learn that the fitness center is going to be closed. Many of my constituents use the facility's unique services. As such, I urge Palos Community Hospital to reconsider its decision to close the fitness center. If the existing fitness center can not be preserved as part of the expansion plan, I urge Palos to include a similar fitness center in the new facility should Palos receive a Certificate of Need from the state board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Cunningham".

Bill Cunningham
Illinois State Senator, 18th District