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Ms. Emily T. Marsal
Executive Director
State Health Planning and Development Agency
Montgomery, Alabama

***Re: UAB St. Vincent's St. Clair
Letter of Support – Freestanding Emergency Department in Oxford, Alabama***

Ms. Marsal,

Please accept this Letter of Support for the Certificate of Need Application filed by UAB St. Vincent's St. Clair for a Freestanding Emergency Department ("FED") to be located in the City of Oxford, Alabama, Calhoun County ("Oxford FED Project").

It is important to me that our citizens have access to high-quality, accessible, and cost-effective health care in our local community. The Oxford FED Project would be a part of the UAB St. Vincent's Health System and a key component of UAB Medicine Enterprise in east Alabama. The project will provide citizens of our city and region with convenient access to urgent and emergency health care in Oxford, Alabama, which lacks an acute care hospital. I am confident that the Oxford FED Project will provide patient-centered care that will benefit our community.

UAB St. Vincent's St. Clair has a proven 56-year history of serving Calhoun County, with local physicians and hospital leadership dedicated to our patients and the community. I enthusiastically support and wholeheartedly endorse the hospital's plan to establish an FED in Oxford and am confident that the proposed Freestanding Emergency Department will not only be a success but also provide significant value to those who use it.

I urge the Certificate of Need Review Board to approve the CON Application.

Sincerely,