



Office of the Speaker Pro Tempore

Mike Henderson

State Representative

District 117

December 23, 2024

Annette Schnabel, President
Parkland Health Center
1101 W Liberty St
Farmington, Missouri 63640

Dear Ms. Schnabel,

I am writing to express my strong support for Parkland Health Center's proposal to acquire a DaVinci Xi robot. This advanced surgical system represents the gold standard in robotic-assisted surgery and is crucial for providing high-quality care to our region.

Parkland Health Center has consistently demonstrated its commitment to delivering state-of-the-art healthcare in a community setting. The addition of the DaVinci Xi robot aligns perfectly with BJC HealthCare's mission to provide advanced medical care closer to home for the residents of Farmington and surrounding areas. This would mark the first robotic surgical system available in the region, significantly enhancing the level of care accessible to patients.

Robotic-assisted surgery offers transformative benefits for patients, including:

1. Reduced blood loss during procedures, minimizing complications.
2. Faster recovery times and shorter hospital stays, allowing patients to return to their daily lives more quickly.
3. Lower incidence of serious side effects, such as incontinence and impotence, particularly for urological and gynecological surgeries.
4. Smaller incisions, resulting in less scarring and improved cosmetic outcomes.

The availability of this technology at Parkland Health Center would enable the hospital to provide gynecological, general surgery, and urological procedures using the most advanced and minimally invasive techniques. For patients in our region, this means access to cutting-edge treatments without the need to travel long distances to larger urban centers.

Approval of this project would not only enhance the quality of care available to the community but also demonstrate Missouri's dedication to advancing healthcare and supporting innovative medical practices in underserved areas.

I wholeheartedly support Parkland Health Center's request to acquire the DaVinci Xi robot. This investment is critical for improving clinical outcomes and meeting the healthcare needs of our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Mike Henderson
Speaker Pro Tempore
Missouri House of Representatives - District 117



CITY OF FARMINGTON

December 20, 2024

Annette Schnabel
Parkland Health Center
President
1101 W Liberty St
Farmington, MO 63640

Dear Ms. Schnabel:

Thank you for making me aware that Parkland Health Center is seeking approval from the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to add a Da Vinci robot to your surgical capability. The addition of this advanced technology to Parkland Health Center serving our community surrounding region will greatly improve access to high quality surgical care in rural Missouri.

As City Administrator, I have had the honor to serve this community for over twenty years and have witnessed first-hand the challenges of delivering high quality healthcare to our region. It is vital to the health of our residents that they have access to the latest available technology to enable better surgical outcomes. I know that our committed team of local healthcare providers and the patients they serve would greatly appreciate approval of this proposal.

Please forward my support to the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee and let me know if any additional support is needed.

Best Regards,

Gregory S. Beavers, MPPA
City Administrator

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Dale Wright

Administration and Accounts Chair
State Representative
District 116

December 18, 2024

Annette Schnabel
Parkland Health Center
President
1101 W Liberty St
Farmington, MO 63640

Dear Ms. Schnabel:

It is my understanding that Parkland Health Center in my district, in Farmington, is seeking approval from the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to add a DaVinci robot system to your patient care offerings. Please accept this "Letter of Support" and forward it to the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to show my full support for this important initiative.

As a former healthcare executive, I understand the importance of having such an option available to the citizens in my district. Robotic surgery has been a staple of care in metro areas for over a decade. The DaVinci technology will bring much needed advanced care to Parkland Health Center and will benefit our citizens by enhancing surgical options and improving patient outcomes here at home, rather than very sick patients having to make the long trip to larger suburban cities.

As a member of the Missouri House of Representatives for the past six years I've seen the critical need for more localized, advanced patient care for our region of the state. It is very important to our community to bring this technology to our area. Our citizens and I would appreciate hearing of the Committee's approval of this project.

Sincerely,



Dale Wright
Chair, Administration and Accounts
The Missouri House of Representatives
District 116

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*Special Committee on Government Administration

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Annette Schnabel -- President
Parkland Health Center
1101 W Liberty Street
Farmington, MO 63640

Dear Ms. Schnabel:

As the Vice President of Human Resources for one of the largest employers in Farmington as well as the Vice President of our Industrial Development Authority, Healthcare is one of the most significant factors in our efforts to recruit new employees, to support our residents and the growth within our regional business community.

The City of Farmington and Parkland Health Center are the leaders in all aspects of life including healthcare within a 50-mile radius, that includes several small towns and rural communities with significant populations. They all look to PHC for the highest quality healthcare, breadth of services and technology in their greatest time of human need.

We appreciate you, PHC and your team for all that you do, and we respect your drive to continue to enhance the availability of healthcare in our region.

Robotic surgery has been a common care option in metropolitan areas for years. We need this technology in Farmington.

I understand that you are seeking for PHC to add a DaVinci robot and need the Missouri Health and Facilities Review Committee to approve it, bringing the type of technology to PHC and our regional residents that enhances the health care in our rural but collectively large community.

As a board member of multiple community, regional and state organizations focused on improving all aspects of life including health, education and business, I know the importance of the Committee's decision and the positive impact it will have on our region and residents.

Please share my support and great appreciation of their approval of this project for the thousands of residents of our community.

Thank you,

Tony Myers

Vice President of Human Resources

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Annette Schnabel
Parkland Health Center
President
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Farmington, MO 63640

Dear Ms. Schnabel:

I understand that Parkland Health Center is seeking approval from the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to add a DaVinci robot. Please forward my support for this project.

This year alone, I have undergone two DaVinci robotic-assisted surgeries. In July, I underwent a successful robotic-assisted partial nephrectomy to remove a renal cell carcinoma. This was followed in October by successful robotic-assisted inguinal hernia repair. I expected to have to travel to St. Louis for the nephrectomy and the skill of a trained urologic oncologist. I didn't expect to have to travel to St. Louis for a hernia repair. My local general surgeon felt that my advanced age and coexisting medical conditions required me to seek surgical help from a team using a robot.

Both of the above-mentioned surgeries required multiple months to obtain an appointment with a robotic-trained surgeon, and an additional wait of multiple months to schedule an operating room blessed with a robot.

In my opinion, our hospital is quite capable of providing this care, however we lack the necessary tool. Robotic surgery has been a staple of care in metro areas for over a decade. This project brings this care to Parkland and our neighbors enhancing the care in our rural community.

As a clinical pharmacologist I have had the honor to serve this community for over 25 years. It is important to this community to bring this care to our area. Our citizens and I would appreciate the Committee's approval of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike K. Roark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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