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

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Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

As the largest non-governmental employer in the Austin community with more than 600 employees, Loretto Hospital is proud to be a pillar for Chicago's West Side. We partner with our surrounding neighbors to provide education, promote wellness and offer patient-centered care. Understanding the important relationship between a hospital and its community, we support UChicago Medicine's Get CARE plan.

The South Side community has expressed their healthcare needs and UChicago has listened. African Americans have lower 5-year survival rates than whites for most cancers, and that difference often comes down to access to high-quality medical care. The Get CARE plan calls for a dedicated cancer hospital and expanded access to specialty care, both desperately needed on the South Side.

From our experience, supporting the local economy, local patients and local education efforts is the best way to be a good neighbor. Aside from addressing healthcare needs of the South Side, the Get CARE plan will also create 1900 permanent jobs and 400 construction jobs in the community. UChicago Medicine will also continue meeting and working with community leaders to gather input on educational and health-related programming.

Loretto Hospital asks you to support UChicago Medicine and the South Side by approving the Get CARE plan.

Sincerely,

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