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March 15, 2016

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

Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

At the Chicago Department of Public Health, we work to make Chicago a safer and healthier place. It is our commitment to promote health, prevent disease, and ensure access to health care for all Chicagoans. This is why we support the University of Chicago Medicine's Get CARE plan. This plan will be a monumental asset to our city and the healthcare community. It will increase access to complex care on the South Side of Chicago and better our entire network of care.

The South Side of Chicago has suffered from some of the highest rates of violence and traumatic injuries in the city, yet there is no adult trauma service available. Patients on the South Side need healthcare services that meet their needs. They need trauma services as well as expanded access to cancer and cardiovascular care.

The dedicated cancer hospital, expanded emergency room and Level 1 adult trauma service will close gaps in the South Side's current health care system, in which certain services are not readily accessible. UChicago Medicine's plan is a major investment in its surrounding community, and in the overall health of the city of Chicago.

For a brighter future and a healthier Chicago, I hope you will support the Get CARE plan.

Julia Morita

Julia Morita, M.D.
Commissioner

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