



New Life Covenant Church

"Making Disciples, Changing Lives and Keeping His Word"

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

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Re: Support for University of Chicago Medical Center

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Dear Ms. Avery:

New Life Covenant Church SE is a church of Love, Worship, Word and Outreach. The church was founded by Senior Pastor John F. Hannah in Chicago, Illinois. New Life Covenant Church SE has been a part of the Grand Crossing community since 2008. Currently, our church have 27,000+ members and many are residents of the South Side of Chicago.

Furthermore, we are aware of the struggles and barriers our congregants and community face. Our community members have to endure long ER wait times; or, they must travel miles away for trauma and specialty care. This is why we are pleased to support UChicago Medicine's Get CARE plan to increase access to healthcare on the South Side.

We are thankful that UChicago Medicine has decided to offer Level 1 adult trauma care, but there is more to be done. We need more than trauma care; South Side residents have unique healthcare needs and survival rates are linked closely with access to high-quality care. UChicago Medicine's Get CARE plan would create a dedicated cancer hospital and expand specialty care services.

It is our hope that you would consider this initiative and respond to the health concerns of the South Side community.

Respectfully,

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Associate Pastor, Senior Director of Outreach
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