



December 20, 2016

**BY E-MAIL**

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**Re: Letters of Support, Project 16 - 044  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook**

Dear Mike:

Attached are four (4) letters of support for the above referenced project. We request that these letters be included as written comments on Project 16-044.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance and happy holidays to you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nanette Bufalino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nanette Bufalino  
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December 19, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Re: Letter of support for Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook

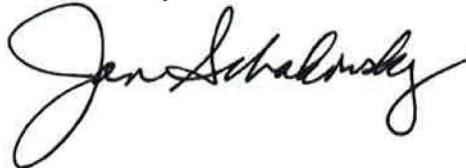
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support for Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook Certificate of Need application. I work closely with Lurie Children's Hospital to expand access to health care for children and protect funding for pediatric residency programs. I have visited the hospital many times and seen firsthand the expertise and compassion of the doctors, researchers, nurses and staff who work there.

I understand that Lurie Children's is the only freestanding acute care hospital dedicated to children. The hospital cares for the sickest children, the kids that many hospitals cannot handle -- from heart transplants, to HIV babies to pediatric neurosurgery, to cancer, Lurie Children's manages the toughest and most complex situations.

I ask that the Board give full and fair consideration to supporting Lurie Children's application for a Certificate of Need, in keeping with applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky  
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Re: Letter of Support, Project 16 - 044  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook

Dear Ms. Avery,

As one of the state representatives that represents the Northbrook community, I wish to express my full support for Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Outpatient Services and Surgical Center in Northbrook.

Lurie Children's has a long-standing partnership with the State of Illinois in providing cutting-edge specialty care to our neediest children. These children come from every legislative district in the state and rely on more than 70 specialties provided by their medical staff. In my district alone, Lurie Children's provided more than 5,240 patient encounters last year. Benefiting from pioneering research advances and innovative technologies, Illinois families can take comfort in knowing that care for their children is Lurie Children's top priority.

To ensure that Lurie Children's can continue to improve access to Illinois' children who need its specialized care, I encourage the Board to approve Lurie Children's Certificate of Need application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Gabel".

The Honorable Robyn Gabel  
Representative, State of Illinois



# Village of Northbrook

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December 14, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Re: Letter of Support, Project 16 - 044  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook

Dear Ms. Avery,

I fully support the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Certificate of Need application for an Outpatient Services and Surgical Center in Northbrook.

Locating the new surgery center adjacent to Lurie Children's outpatient clinic on Techny Road will provide a valued health care resource for residents of Northbrook and surrounding communities. Residents appreciate the close proximity of high quality care as an alternative to traveling to the premier medical center downtown. While there are other hospitals and outpatient surgery centers in the area, none are dedicated to the special needs of children.

I encourage the Review Board to approve Lurie Children's Certificate of Need application for its Outpatient Services and Surgical Center in Northbrook.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Sandra E. Frum  
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Village of Northbrook

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Re: Letter of Support for Lurie Children's Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook, Project #16-044

Dear Ms. Avery:

I understand that Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago has submitted a Certificate of Need application to establish a multi-purpose pediatric Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center (ASTC) in Northbrook, Illinois. I strongly support this application and request that this letter of support be included in the public record.

Lurie Children's has been providing life-saving care to the sickest children in our State for 130 years. It is the State's most significant partner in caring for children insured through the Medicaid program. Due to the breadth and depth of services Lurie Children's provides, it is the only hospital that serves children from every corner of the State. In FY 2015 alone, there were 6,239 patient encounters (visits and admissions) from my district.

Many of the patients and families cared for at Lurie Children's main location in Streeterville have expressed interest in more services in a location closer to their homes. While there are many hospital surgery departments and ASTCs in northeastern Illinois, only Lurie Children's and its ASTC in Westchester are dedicated to pediatric surgery.

Having worked closely with Lurie Children's for many years in Springfield, I am aware of their strong commitment to improving the health and well-being of children both inside their hospital and beyond its walls.

To ensure that Lurie Children's can continue to serve all of Illinois' children who need its specialized care, I fully support their application for a Certificate of Need and urge the Board to approve it.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Fine".

Laura Fine  
State Representative, 17<sup>th</sup> District