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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to support the Certificate of Need application for the proposed modernization of key units of Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, which provides high-level care to patients across the Chicago Southland.

As proposed, this project will enhance and improve Advocate's surgical, cardiovascular and endoscopy services. Specifically, it will right-size operating rooms, allow the hospital to meet a growing demand for interventional heart procedures, and improve the layout and flexibility of these service areas – all critical upgrades to the 45-year-old health center.

I'm confident Advocate has the commitment, expertise and wherewithal to complete this project. Thus I urge members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate South Suburban's pending Certificate of Need application for modernizing these procedural services.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or my senior adviser, Rick Bryant, at (708) 679-0078. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Kelly
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