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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve two Certificate of Need applications for Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

The hospital is planning to provide two new facilities for established important services. One site will include counseling for outpatients and diagnosis/treatment for children with developmental issues such as autism. The second site will provide a comprehensive outpatient physical therapy service. I am confident the families that this hospital serves are grateful that it is willing to invest in these programs.

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center is in my district in Chicago where it has been in service for generations and is the lead hospital for Level I Trauma response in Chicago. I appreciate the direction Susan Nordstrom Lopez, President, has led this team of more than 2,400 team members and nearly 900 physicians. As a teaching medical center, it prepares hundreds of future physicians and clinicians each year.

I applaud the plans for these two new outpatient sites. Please join me in supporting these projects by approving the two Certificate of Need applications.

Sincerely,

John J. Cullerton
Illinois Senate President