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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am honored to represent the residents of Illinois' 12th district on Chicago's north side, a vibrant community of families, organizations, businesses, entertainment venues, Wrigley Field, schools, nonprofits, religious congregations and hospitals – including Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. The hospital has been in Lakeview for more than a century, serves as Chicago's North side Level I Trauma Center, is a Certified Stroke Center, and has a Level III NICU for the smallest and most fragile patients.

Illinois Masonic received countless recognitions over the years including named Chicago's only Resource Hospital Coordination Center acting as a lead for mass disaster communication and coordination by the Illinois Department of Public Health. And, on a personal note, my mother served on the Medical Staff of Illinois Masonic for more than four decades.

I am writing to ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to join me in supporting Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Certificate of Need (CON) application to construct a new Outpatient Physical Therapy Center and a new medical office building that will house a Counseling Center and Pediatric Development. These proposed outpatient facilities will provide our community with accessible behavioral health services and the ability create an environment to grow and expand diagnostic testing to address patient needs, continuity of care and enhance overall patient and family experience.

The medical center is Lakeview's largest employer with 2,600 associates, 450 volunteers, over 900 physicians in various medical specialties and 1,500 nurses. Allowing Advocate Illinois Masonic to proceed with the needed facility expansion helps ensure availability of necessary health care services in the years to come, and serve to bolster the economic vitality of our community.

I believe the construction of this outpatient care center is necessary if we are to maintain a strong, healthy community well into the future. I respectfully request the Planning Board approve Illinois Masonic CON application.

Very truly yours,

Sara Feigenholtz, State Representative