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Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board

As a Chief of the Rush Division of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics I have referred patients regularly to the Pediatric Developmental Center (PDC) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) over the last 10 years. I have been impressed with the quality and breadth of developmental intervention and behavioral therapy services offered for children with autism and other developmental and behavioral disorders. The fact that PDC and BHS take all insurance plans makes these services accessible to all the Chicago families.

At this time there is an unmet need for developmental and behavioral services for children in Chicago. Having a new building like the Wellness Center will allow to expand the services offered by the PDC and BHS and increase the access to children that live in Chicago with a consequent improvement in their developmental trajectories and final outcomes.

I am writing this letter to express my support to the Certificate of Need (CON) new building project application for the Wellness Center on the main campus of Advocate Illinois Masonic.

Sincerely,



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