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Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St, 2nd Flr.
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery

I am writing in support of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve construction of a Center for Advanced Care on its medical campus in Chicago.

The center's vision to provide downtown Chicago residents state-of-the-art sports medicine and sports performance care where they live would greatly benefit our community. As the leading local running organization, our members rely on the care and services provided by such centers. At present, many of the services to be provided are not located within a reasonable distance. We are excited to see this facility open, providing greater access to high level care and services.

We hope to see this new 156,000-square-foot outpatient facility connected to the main hospital building. Advocate Illinois Masonic has long served our community, and this new facility will improve their ability to meet the ever-changing needs of Chicago.

I respectfully request that the Planning Board join me in support of Advocate Illinois Masonic's Certificate of Need application.

All the Best,

Greg Hipp
Executive Director
Chicago Area Runners Association

The Chicago Area Runners Association, CARA, is a non-profit organization committed to serving and advocating for the local running community. We are Chicagoland's running club, providing accessible opportunities for all runners to train, race, learn, be social and volunteer.

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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June 12, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

It is my honor to represent Advocate Aurora Illinois Masonic Medical Center in the Chicago City Council and have Masonic as a partner in the growth of my community. As the dynamics of health care continue to change, it is more important than ever that our hospitals and health resources evolve to provide first-class medical care for our residents. We are proud to have Masonic in our community and I support their efforts for growth and modernization.

The next phase of their development revolves around the construction of two new buildings. The first is a new Outpatient Physical Therapy Center with a structured parking garage over it, located at the corner of Wellington and Sheffield Streets. The second is a new medical office building on the corner of Wellington and Mildred that will house a Counseling Center and Pediatric Development. I believe both of these additions are sorely needed and will allow the hospital greater flexibility when planning and re-purposing their existing spaces.

Masonic has a long record of service in our community. From meeting the needs of the AIDS epidemic early in the 1980's, to being a leader in patient safety and serving as the only Level 1 Trauma Center on the north side of Chicago.

I am proud to support their application and would be happy to discuss their role in our community further.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tunney
44th Ward Alderman