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

Re: Provident Hospital of Cook County
Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Avery,

I submit this letter in support of Cook County Health's (CCH) Certificate of Need application to construct a modernized replacement Provident Hospital facility.

I am the Resident Service Coordinator of North Washington Park Manor Senior Apartment. I've had the pleasure to serve on the Community Advisory Board in the year's past. As a partner to Provident Hospital, we recognize the need to bring a new modern facility to fill the medical needs of the residents in the South Side of Chicago. As an anchor institution in the African American community, Provident Hospital continues to be a good neighbor by providing access to people in need. From the yearly "4 Men Only" Health Fair in April to managing the first aid stations along the Bud Billiken Parade route, Provident Hospital's staff are committed to changing and improving people's lives.

As a Senior Housing Development in the South Side of Chicago, we have collaborated with Provident and can attest to the benefits that a new building will bring to the area. Many of my residents know about the historical factors and input the hospital have had in this community. We are also aware the existing building is dated and requires significant financial investment to modernize. Building a New Provident Hospital facility with expanded inpatient and outpatient services is a much wiser investment. It will allow Cook County Health to better provide patients with comprehensive, high-quality healthcare while allowing access to care in their own community. It will also eliminate the need for many existing Cook County Health patients to travel to Stroger Hospital for more complex care.

I am encouraged by the great future that this new facility, when approved and built, will bring to my/our community.

Thank you for your consideration.



Shannon Washington
Resident Service Coordinator