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September 26, 2019

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 am writing in strong support of Cook County Health's Certificate of Need application for the construction of a modernized replacement facility for Provident Hospital.

The current Provident Hospital building is extremely outdated and the financial investment required to modernize is severe. Outdated or obsolete facilities are unacceptable in many fields, but especially in the medical field where the lack of access to modern equipment and procedures could literally be the difference between life and death.

By constructing a replacement facility for Provident Hospital that has expanded inpatient and outpatient services, Cook County Health will be able to provide high-quality health care as well as have the opportunity to make better investments with their already limited finances. In addition, a modernized Provident Hospital will increase patient access to care by eliminating the requirement to travel to Stroger Hospital to receive more comprehensive care that Provident cannot currently provide.

Both Cook County Health and the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management have made a commitment to meeting certain minority- and woman-owned business participation goals. They have also set community hiring goals for the project that will bring economic development opportunities into the local community. These factors, along with Cook County Health's promise that the existing Provident Hospital building will remain open and operational until the new, modern Provident Hospital building is ready to provide care, makes me a strong supporter of Cook County Health's application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Senator RP".

Robert Peters, State Senator | 13th District