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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The existing Provident Hospital building is dated and requires significant financial investment to modernize. Building a replacement Provident Hospital facility with expanded inpatient and outpatient services will allow Cook County Health to better invest limited financial resources while continuing to provide patients with comprehensive, high-quality healthcare and increasing access to care close to where they live. 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 Cook County Health and the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management's commitment to minority- and woman-owned business participation goals as well as community hiring goals for the project which will create economic development opportunities in the surrounding community. I am also encouraged by Cook County Health's commitment to keep the existing Provident Hospital building open until the modernized Provident Hospital building opens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle  
President

