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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Springfield, IL 62761

HEALTH FACILITIES SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Dear Ms. Avery;

I am writing in support of Advocate Aurora Health's proposal to expand the number of ICU beds at the Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Lake County Partners is a nonprofit economic development corporation charged with expanding the economic vitality of our region. In order to fuel vibrant economic opportunity across the county, we must provide world-class healthcare. This is at the core of our strategic plan – the Lake County Promise.

There is a documented need for additional ICU capacity, especially important as the Lake County population continues to age. For years, Advocate Aurora Health has been a valuable partner in the community. We are grateful for their willingness to continue to invest in the community as the needs and demands grow and shift.

Lake County Partners is in full support of the project and we ask that the Certificate of Need Board to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Considine President & CEO

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