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January 16, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of the Advocate Condell Medical Center's Certificate of Need (CON) application for the expansion and modernization of their Intensive Care Unit and Medical Surgical Unit. Advocate Condell has been providing high quality health care to Lake County residents since 1928 and continues to provide a comprehensive continuum of medical services to the area. This investment would provide the infrastructure to continue to provide the critical care services needed in this community in the future.

Advocate Condell provides access to many of the tertiary level health care services, including the only Level 1 Trauma program in Lake County, and serves as the EMS Resource Hospital. The hospital has expanded to provide many advanced procedures in cardiology, neurosurgery and cancer to be able to better care for the region. These advancements allow patients and their families to receive care near home.

The hospital is one of the largest employers in the area and investments in the hospital and health care services continue to bolster the economic vitality of our community and will serve residents for years to come. I respectfully request that you approve the Advocate Condell CON application.

Sincerely,

Dan Didech

State Representative 59th District of Illinois