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January 17, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

As the Member of Congress representing Advocate Condell Medical Center, I write to you in full support of the hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application for the expansion and modernization of their Intensive Care Unit and Medical Surgical Unit.

Advocate Condell is Lake County's only Level 1 Trauma Center, providing comprehensive and specialized medical services to my constituents and much needed care for patients with the most critical injuries and illnesses. It is vital that we continue to strengthen these services, not only for Lake County residents but the surrounding communities lacking immediate access to the standard of care a Level 1 trauma center provides.

The population in our area is growing, and services need to be expanded and planned for an older population that is projected to increase by over 20% over the next few years. I have seen how important it is to invest in the critical care needed for this population. This investment would provide the infrastructure to continue to provide the critical care services needed to maintain a strong and health community well into the future.

I ask the Planning Board to approve the Advocate Condell CON application.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Schneider
Member of Congress