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

Dear: Ms. Avery

I am writing this letter in support of Advocate Condell Medical Center and their request for a Certificate of Need to expand Intensive Care Unit (ICU) services at the Libertyville, Illinois campus. Being a lifelong resident of Libertyville, and now serving as the Fire Chief for the Village of Libertyville, I have watched as Advocate Condell Medical Center has expanded to meet the healthcare needs of the local community and Lake County. Continued population growth in Lake County as well as an increase in high acuity patients treated at Advocate Condell has created the need to expand ICU services at the hospital. Advocate Condell's designations as a Level One Trauma Center, Open Heart Center, and Stroke Center attracts a high volume of patients who have a need for ICU services. Advocate Aurora Healthcare has approved a plan to increase ICU capacity at Condell which has been needed for several years. Specifically, this project will include the expansion and modernization of the current ICU and increase ICU capacity from 17 to 32 beds. This will also create a much-needed increase in medical-surgical bed capacity from 214 to 217 beds.

Ensuring that the residents of our community and the residents of Lake County have access to the best healthcare services is very important to me. This Certificate of Need application being submitted by Advocate Condell Medical Center addresses several needs including better healthcare for Lake County and reduced hospital by-pass situations. Advocate Condell Medical Center will now have the needed infrastructure to keep pace with healthcare demands and treatment improvements to provide the highest quality healthcare.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a partner with Advocate Condell Medical Center through the Emergency Medical System. My experience with Advocate Condell and their Administration has been extremely positive. Advocate Condell recognizes the needs of the communities they serve and has always been committed to providing the best services to those communities. Again, I want to affirm my support for the request made by Advocate Condell Medical Center for a Certificate of Need to expand their Intensive Care Unit.

Sincerely,

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