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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

January 24, 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 to ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate Condell Medical Center's Certificate of Need (CON) application for the planned expansion and modernization project at their medical campus in Libertyville. This project will greatly expand the size of its Intensive Care Unit (ICU)—from 17 to 32 beds—enhancing the continuum of care for patients in our area.

Advocate Condell is a critical hub of health care services in my district and has served my constituents in the north suburbs for over 90 years. As the only Level I Trauma Center in Lake County, it provides much-needed medical care for patients with the most critical injuries and illnesses. It is important to ensure that patients can receive the right level of care at the right time as we continue to expand access to care. This project will help the hospital respond to the community's changing demographic and health care needs and support the continuum of care into the next decade.

I had the pleasure of meeting members of the Advocate Condell staff this past week and was impressed by their dedication to both our community and their profession(s). Delivering healthcare is no easy task and I commend them for the work they are doing and continue to do.

I applaud Advocate Condell for continuing to expand and grow its services to respond to the needs of the thousands of patients it treats annually and urge members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the institution's Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely

The Honorable Mary Edly-Allen

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State Representative 51st District of Illinois