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

Ms. Avery,

As the Medical Director for the Emergency Department of Advocate Condell, I lead a team of physicians and advance practice providers responsible for the treatment of all levels of emergency situations. Advocate Condell is a Level I Trauma Center, Stroke Center, Chest Pain Center and Resource Hospital for our community as such provide care for the most critical injuries and illnesses.

Based on the emergency services we provide we are acutely aware of the limitations of the current capacity of the Intensive Care Unit. The increase from 17 beds to 32 beds is critical to our ability to meet the needs of the patients we serve daily. Our physicians, nurses and allied health professionals will be better able to increase support for all critically ill patients by improving the Emergency Department throughput created by increased ICU bed capacity.

The design of the 5th floor of the West Tower to replace the current medical surgical nursing unit and increase in dialysis capacity will increase access for our chronic renal failure patients. Frequently these patients arrive in the Emergency Department in medical crisis. The improvements in the ICU and 5th Floor of the West Tower will better serve this ever expanding patient population.

The patients of Lake County deserve the updated facilities and capacity for the critically ill and dialysis population this project will provide. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need request for the modernization and expansion of the Intensive Care Unit and the renal medical surgical nursing unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Piotrowski", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Piotrowski, MD, FACEP
Medical Director/Chairman of Emergency Medicine
Advocate Condell Medical Center