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

Dear Ms. Avery,

As the Medical Director of Trauma at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, I lead a multidisciplinary team of physicians responsible for the treatment of trauma patients for Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin (Region X). As you are aware, Advocate Condell is the only Level I Trauma Center in Lake County and as such our team is responsible for the care of the most critically injured in the Region. These patients are directly admitted to Condell from the scene or are transferred in from outside hospitals.

The limitations of our ICU with only a 17-bed capacity can create significant continuity of care issues and patient flow issues. As medical care evolves, the modernization of the ICU to current standards will improve our delivery of care to those critically injured. The increase from 17 beds to 32 beds is essential to our ability to meet the needs of the patients we serve daily. In addition, the design of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 as well as trauma patients whose injury results in renal failure and a need for dialysis.

The improvements in the ICU and 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the West Tower will better serve the ever expanding needs of our community. The patients of Lake County deserve the best care possible. The updated facilities and increased capacity for the critically and dialysis population this project will help provide this care. 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.

Respectfully,

William Watson, M.D., FACS  
Medical Director of Trauma  
Advocate Condell Medical Center