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

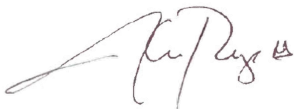
Dear Ms. Avery,

I'm writing to you as chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, to acknowledge my support for the Lutheran General Hospital Surgery modernization project. I have been a member of the Medical Staff for 31 years and have served in a leadership role for quite some time at the hospital.

The expansion and modernization of the operating rooms will continue to allow me, and my fellow surgeons to provide the tertiary and quaternary care for our community we are privileged to serve. Also creating larger and private recovery bays will truly enhance the patient and team member experience in such a stressful time in a patient life.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facility and Services review board to approve Advocate Lutheran General's Surgery modernization project. The Surgical Modernization Project allows the ability to provide excellent, state of the art technologies to complement the exceptional health care services our community has come to expect and deserve.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery  
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital