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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 the Chair of the Governing Council of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and a community representative on that council. I am writing to ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Certificate of Need application for the planned surgery department modernization project at its medical campus in Park Ridge. This project will modernize seven of the operating rooms and the post-operative care unit to provide the technology and equipment required for complex surgical procedures and enhance the surgical services for patients in our area.

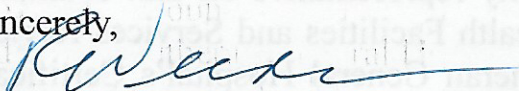
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has served the community for over 100 years. As one of the Level I Trauma Centers in this region, it provides much-needed medical care for patients with the most critical injuries and illnesses. The hospital offers a full range of clinical programs, inpatient units, outpatient services and wellness programs. Approval of this surgical renovation project will help the hospital continue to serve the community's changing demographic and health care needs and support the continuum of care provided by the hospital into the next decade.



In addition, the hospital is a major employer in the region and is recognized as one of the top teaching hospitals in the country. As a community leader, I feel strongly about the need for this hospital to provide the most up to date and accessible health care to all members of the community. Advocate Lutheran General has been an integral part of fulfilling that mission. As technology changes and the economic environment shifts, we must support community institutions like Lutheran General to keep pace with those developments and allow it to continue to fulfill its mission of providing top quality health care. I believe the modernization of the surgical department is necessary if we are to maintain a strong, healthy community well into the future.

I respectfully request that the Board support and approve Lutheran General's Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

  
Raymond J. Werner  
Governing Council Chair  
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital