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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, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

As Executive Director for the Center of Concern, I am pleased to present this letter of support. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has been a longstanding partner in supporting our agency's mission to provide housing solutions, support services and counseling for older adults, persons with disabilities and others in need, enabling them to live with dignity and independence.

We are proud to partner with Advocate Aurora Health on several initiatives to enhance and support the community we serve. Last year, we provided over 31,000 services primarily to older adults benefitting from programs and services to maintain their independence at home. The critical care Advocate Lutheran General Hospital provides in our community is especially impactful in serving the needs of older adults, family caregivers, and persons impacted by homelessness.

I am writing to the Illinois Health facilities and Services review board to approve Advocate Lutheran General's Surgery important modernization project. Updating the Surgical suites and equipment is critical as technology and techniques continue to improve. Therefore, I respectively request your support to approve this surgical Modernization project.

Sincerely,

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John McNabola Executive Director