

February 15, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Avery,


As President of the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Medical Staff, I am writing this letter to ask you to support our plan to modernize areas within the Hospital's Surgery Department. These plans remain in the best interest of our patients, their families, the community at large, and our Medical Staff.

We have continued to update and modernize our facility over the last 100 years to respond to the changing health care landscape and our population's growing needs. Our patients expect and deserve to receive the highest quality medical and surgical care in an updated space with the most current technology. While our patients do currently receive excellent surgical care, the size and configuration of some of our operating rooms no longer meet the industry standard for the equipment and for the staff performing the most complex surgeries. Currently, our phase II recovery area does not provide the optimal space needed for the privacy of our patients and their families.

As a Family Medicine physician, my patients receive complex and advanced surgical care at Lutheran General and they do not need to leave the area for these services. Our hospital requires the most current technology and facilities to provide access to tertiary and quaternary services for residents of the community, thereby maintaining the highest level of care. Lutheran General Hospital is consistently ranked as a top hospital in the region and is a teaching, research and tertiary care hospital that offers the most advanced care as a Level I Trauma Center and through Clinical Institutes in Cardiovascular, Orthopedics, Advanced Surgery, Oncology and Neurosciences.

I kindly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Lutheran General's Certificate of Need application that will allow us to continue providing the most advanced care to patients in our service area.

Sincerely,



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