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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to you today in support of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Modernization project. In my role as the Executive Director of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the Park Ridge Community Fund, as well as a resident of the city of Park Ridge, I know firsthand the impact Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has, not only on Park Ridge, but on our entire community. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is considered the 'gold standard' of health care, and it is our great fortune to have such a healthcare leader located in our own city. Our community is extremely proud and grateful for the outstanding care and services provided by this outstanding Park Ridge institution.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, a 645-bed, non-profit, teaching hospital, is located in the city of Park Ridge, a suburb that borders Chicago directly to the northwest. Advocate Lutheran General is the largest employer in Park Ridge and has been a highly respected member of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce since the hospital was founded. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is a loyal sponsor of community events, and is a leader in providing educational programs for the community we serve. A member of the hospital leadership team currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, which is a continuation of a long-standing tradition. The impact and influence of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is valued and sought after in this community. Lutheran General Hospital began as a local community hospital, and though the hospital is now part of Advocate Aurora Health Care, the ninth largest health care system in the nation, they have not forgotten their connection to the community. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is considered a visible, invested and generous leader in this community.

As the American healthcare system continues to go through transformation and reform, and the health care needs of our community continues to grow, this hospital must update existing facilities in order to meet the requirements of its surgeons as they meet the ever-changing needs of their patients. I respectfully request that the Certificate of Need Board approve Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's application for the surgical modernization project.

Sincerely,

*Jacqueline K. Mathews*

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