



# Lakesia Collins

STATE REPRESENTATIVE | 9TH DISTRICT

June 18, 2021

Courtney Avery  
Board Administrator  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Rush Specialty Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery,

Please accept this support letter for the establishment of Rush Specialty Hospital ("Rush"). This facility would be located in my state representative district, and our community welcomes a specialty hospital such as this from two well-established healthcare organizations. Rush has proven to be an excellent community partner and I am proud to work with them on the West Side United initiative to ensure that the communities that I represent have equitable access to high quality healthcare services regardless of their ability to pay.

We need both increased employment and increased healthcare options in the West Side communities located in my district. Our community is incredibly excited about the prospect of the development of this specialty hospital. With my background in healthcare delivery and as a Certified Nursing Assistant, access to quality healthcare is incredibly important to me.

I ask for a "yes" vote from the Health Facilities and Services Review Board for this project.

Sincerely,

Representative Lakesia Collins  
Illinois State Representative (9th District)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lakesia Collins".