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5th Legislative District

June 19, 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,

I am ecstatic to submit this letter of support for the proposed Rush Specialty Hospital ("Rush"). I have worked with the Rush University Medical Center Medical system for many years in my role as Illinois State Senator for the 5th District, and count them as a reliable partner for our community. I am thrilled that their proposed partner is Select Medical, one of the nation's leading providers of rehabilitation and long-term acute care.

The proposed Rush-Select Specialty Hospital will provide a direct and much-needed infusion of new, high-paying, jobs to the Near West Side. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed deep inequities in Chicago, especially with regards to healthcare accessibility. We will greatly benefit from the establishment of this facility - both with short-term construction and long-term healthcare positions.

I strongly urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Van Pelt".

Senator Patricia Van Pelt
Illinois State Senate (5th District)

