



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 11, 2021

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

Re: Letter of Support- Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Exemption #003-21

Dear Ms. Avery,

I write in support for Insight's proposal to make investments in the Southside of Chicago. As a United States Congressman, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dr. Jawad Shah and the Insight team during my time representing my district and have seen firsthand the incredible commitment that Insight has brought to our community.

Insight's investments in my district, in the city of Flint, have been felt through their efforts to revitalize what was once the main manufacturing center in the city for General Motors. Due to their efforts, this former site was transformed into the Great Lakes Technology Centre, where the Insight Biomedical Technology Institute is today. Insight's investment has attracted additional companies to the area, sparked job creation and local economic development.

Dr. Shah and Insight have been great partners in increasing access to care and ensuring the continued operation of the former Kern Hospital in Warren, Michigan, now Insight Surgical Hospital. I have known Insight and Dr. Shah to be a good corporate citizen, trusted community ally, and excellent health care provider to all, regardless of their ability to pay.

I understand that the Mercy Hospital in Chicago has experienced tough times and is on the verge of closure. Based on my prior experience knowing and working with Dr. Shah and Insight, I am confident that they could improve operations, ensure uninterrupted access to care for the community and continue operating the facility for the benefit of the community.

I hope you'll look favorably upon Insight's proposal to the extent federal law and agency regulations apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Kildee".

Dan Kildee
MEMBER OF CONGRESS