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Debra Savage, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Project 22-008: Montrose Behavioral Health Support Letter for Modernization of Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage:

I am writing this letter in support of the modernization of the adult inpatient building for the behavioral health hospital located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago, operating as Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital ("MBHH"), under the new ownership of Acadia Healthcare ("Acadia").

There is a need for increased capacity for specialized psychiatric services for Lake County residents. It is our understanding that the addition of Montrose Behavioral Hospital would include more capacity for uninsured and Medicaid patients, especially children and youth.

I urge you to support the approval of this project. There is a great need in the Lake County area to expand behavioral health services and by approving this application it will directly benefit our patients and their families as well as other Lake County residents.

Thank you for your assistance in providing improved access to care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Pfister".

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