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Debra Savage, Chairperson
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Project #22-008
Montrose Behavioral Health Support Letter for Modernization of Hospital

Dear Chairperson Savage:

I am writing in support of Acadia Healthcare's ("Acadia's") efforts to modernize and operate the behavioral health hospital located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago, under the name Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital ("MBHH").

As a former social worker, I understand that there is an unmet need for specialized psychiatric services in the 46th Ward and the greater Chicagoland area. I continue to advocate for greater access to wraparound services for my residents and have worked with the City of Chicago to develop a system whereby social service agencies collaborate and coordinate more effectively so people in need can get access to services in a timelier manner. I also sponsored a resolution in 2017 to reduce prison recidivism, especially among those experiencing mental illness. Currently, the Chicago market has approximately 26 beds/100,000 people compared to the industry recommended standard of 50 beds/100,000 people, leaving an unmet bed need of approximately 2,204 to adequately serve our residents. Accordingly, I applaud Acadia's effort and innovative spirit to increase access to behavioral health services to the residents of the 46th Ward and beyond.

Acadia is the nationally recognized leading provider of inpatient and outpatient behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services and is the largest stand-alone behavioral health company in the United States. Acadia treats patients of all ages including children, adolescents, adults, and seniors and has vast resources to meet these needs. Acadia's national platform operates 230 treatment facilities (including approximately 46 inpatient hospitals), with 10,200+ beds, treating over 70,000 patients each day across 40 states and Puerto Rico. Over 20,000 dedicated employees provide the full continuum of care services including residential treatment, partial hospitalization (PHP), intensive outpatient (IOP) and telehealth. Acadia also provides access to specialized treatment programs in areas including Med-Psych, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress, military designated units, substance use disorders and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

I am thrilled that Acadia is interested in making such an impressive investment here in Chicago and in my Ward, and I look forward to what I believe will be an invaluable resource for the residents of the Chicagoland area and surrounding communities. I fully support this project and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James Cappleman
Alderman, 46th Ward

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