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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
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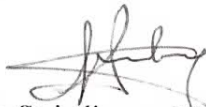
Dear Ms Savage,

I am an independent, board certified internist in Chicago. Over the last twenty-five years, I have been a staff physician at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and have primarily referred my patients to this facility for a variety of reasons, but mostly due to the high level of care my patients receive from its physicians and medical support staff.

The addition of a Center for Advanced Care is essential for this hospital to continue to offer top quality, high-tech medical care that is so essential is today's medical environment. Throughout my time as a physician, I have witnessed the evolution of medical technology and there is no doubt facilities have to evolved as well.

I kindly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to construct a new Center for Advanced Care. There is no doubt this institution, its physicians and its patients will benefit immensely from this high-tech facility, which will undoubtedly enhance quality of care and patient satisfaction.

Regards,



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