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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Project No. 22-009

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I write to request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's approval of the Certificate of Need (CON) application put forward by Advocate Illinois Masonic as they look to complete a major modernization project on the hospital campus, which sits in my current House District.

This hospital is a foundational health care provider in our community, and a major economic driver. It has been wonderful to see how they have evolved their campus and services to care for the people of Chicago over the last several years. This latest modernization project at the hospital will allow for a growth of services for cardiology and cancer patients that are increasing in need of care. It will also privatized inpatient beds, providing a better experience for patients and families during their health care inpatient stay. Close to my heart, this project will also grow services for women and new moms, with a new space to house post-partum and NICU beds, and an expansion of the breast center.

Advocate Illinois Masonic contributes immensely to the vitality of our community, and this project will prepare the hospital to serve residents decades into the future. I respectfully request the Planning Board approve this CON application.

Sincerely,

Margaret Croke

State Representative, Illinois 12th District

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