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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
Letter of Support

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

As Illinois State Senator of the 6th District, I am writing to ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) approve the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center (Illinois Masonic) CON application for the planned expansion and modernization project at their Lakeview campus in Chicago. The hospital is a treasured part of my district and the project represents a massive investment in the health and wellness of our community.

Over my nearly three decades in public service, I have seen firsthand how Illinois Masonic—as one of the state's largest, most comprehensive not-for-profit teaching hospitals—has served as a critical hub of health care services for the region. It is one of only five Level I Trauma Centers in Chicago, a leader in maternal and baby health, heart care, stroke, behavioral health, and outpatient care.

The hospital continues to evolve its footprint in our neighborhood in response to community need, and this latest project would keep Illinois Masonic at the forefront of patient care and innovation. With this project, which includes an addition the bed tower above the Center for Advanced Care, they would finally get to add privatized inpatient beds and an updated procedural floor. And, they would be able to grow their breast center with mammography and imaging services.

I applaud Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for continuing to respond to the needs of the thousands of patients in the service area it treats annually, and urge members of the HFSRB to approve the institution's CON application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Feigenholtz".

Sara Feigenholtz
Illinois State Senator, 6th District