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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dear Ms. Savage:

On behalf of Heartland Health Centers, HHC, I am writing to enthusiastically support Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Bed Tower and Center for Advanced Care Expansion Project. We understand this expansion will increase the number of private beds and bring these spaces up to contemporary standards.

Operating as a federally qualified health center (FQHC), HHC's mission is to improve the well-being of the communities we serve by providing accessible, high-quality healthcare. HHC serves 28,000+ medically underserved Chicagoans in 100,000 medical visits each year. Care is delivered across a network of 18 community-based, school-based, and co-located, integrated care clinics stretching across Chicago's North and Far North Community areas and suburbs.

HHC has had a long partnership with Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. AIMMC provided space for our Lakeview clinic and administrative offices for over ten years. We remain in the neighborhood at 3154 N. Clark and have a deep understanding of the need for expanded health care access in the community. We also greatly value AIMMC as a referral partner in providing specialty and hospital-based services for our patients. This expansion will be extremely beneficial as it will modernize their Women's Health Unit and OR's while continuing trauma and tertiary clinical services for the community.

AIMMC's mission is aligned with ours and we look forward to a continued partnership. This project reflects our shared goals to serve patient needs and expand offerings along the continuum of care. We fully support AIMMC's expansion project and urge the Certificate of Need Board's approval.

Sincerely,

Nicole Willis
Chief Executive Officer

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