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Debra Savage, Chairwoman

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Advocate South Suburban Hospital – CON to Establish Behavioral Health Inpatient Beds

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I, State Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin on behalf of my constituents, ask for your support to establish acute mental health services at Advocate South Suburban Hospital. A trusted health care provider and community partner, this hospital is located in the 38th House District, which I have had the pleasure of representing since January 2019, after serving as past village president and trustee of Olympia Fields.

The proposed new unit will involve a significant capital investment in our community, including a state-of-the-art 27-bed facility with private rooms, as well as innovative outpatient services that provide early screening to identify behavioral health services needs and potential crisis interventions.

These investments will surely help the communities I represent, providing greater access to services for my constituents within a designated mental health professional shortage area.

Therefore, I strongly support this Certificate of Need application and urge the shared support of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Meyers-Martin

Illinois State Representative for the 38th District