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August 11, 2022

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

Re: Establishment of New Category of Service at Advocate South Suburban Hospital

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I have served in the Illinois House of Representatives for more than a decade representing a district in the Southwest Suburbs that includes Advocate Christ Medical Center (Christ). I also serve in an additional role as Mayor of Evergreen Park. Over the years, it has been great to watch Christ evolve and grow to serve so many people in the region as one of the top hospitals in the state of Illinois.

Understanding the space constraints at Christ that are impacting patients through the Emergency Department, I support Advocate Aurora Health's regional approach to both improve patient wait times at Christ and enhance inpatient behavioral health access throughout the region through the investment of more than \$10 million at Advocate South Suburban Hospital. This investment will create state-of-the-art facilities to serve patients in need of behavioral health inpatient stays in modern private rooms. Paired with an investment in comprehensive outpatient interventions in the community, this will fill a significant need we are seeing grow across the state.

The transition will improve access to vital health care and mental health services. Please look favorably upon this CON application and approve this much-needed service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Burke". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kelly Burke
Illinois State Representative, 36th District