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August 8, 2022

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

Re: Advocate South Suburban Hospital

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Advocate South Suburban Hospital's Certificate of Need application to establish Acute Mental Health Services in the Chicago south suburbs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we all witnessed the negative impact the virus played on our lives. As we are continuing to confront the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19, it has become evident that the need for a broad scope of behavioral health care services is increasingly critical for residents of our community. The relocation of Advocate's south Chicagoland program to its South Suburban campus in a state-of-the-art, modernized inpatient behavioral health unit—as well as their investment in outpatient behavioral health care—could not come at a better time.

Having served the 19th District for nearly 15 years and as a resident of the Chicago south suburbs, I can attest that investing in greater mental health services will be an enhancement to our communities. Therefore, I would appreciate and urge the support of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hastings".

Michael E. Hastings