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Debra Savage
Chairwoman
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: New Behavioral Health Services at Advocate South Suburban Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing urging you and your fellow HFSRB members to support a new behavioral health program in Hazel Crest at Advocate South Suburban Hospital and write as a representative of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. Formed in 1964, the Illinois Conference is the third largest conference in the UCC, with five associations representing 68,972 members from 241 churches in Northern Illinois.

Forty-six years of service has given us a strong foundation that sends us forward with a broad sense of ministry. The promotion of congregational health and vitality and pursuing God's peace and justice is our mission. One of our Core Processes is to facilitate communication, participation, reconciliation, justice and action. Mentally healthy communities are instrumental in sustaining our mission and Core Principals.

I confirm for you that the Illinois Conference and Advocate Aurora Health are united in our commitment to work for a just world for all.

We commend Advocate for investing in our community and investing in our congregants' lives and well-being, and I urge you to support this vital service.

Sincerely,

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