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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

**RE: Advocate Health Ambulatory Surgery Center -
Chicago Webster Project**

Dear Ms. Savage:

As Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, and a practicing specialist in Internal Medicine, I am writing this letter to ask for your support for Advocate's Ambulatory Surgery Center – Chicago Webster Project for our application for the Certificate of Need (CON).

The multi-specialty services at this location would greatly enhance access and care to the large number of diverse patients we serve in our local community. In addition, many of our care initiatives involve collaboration across a number of specialties. This multi-specialty location would bring the entire team together to respond in real time, at one site.

With the rapid advancements and changes in healthcare, keeping up with the urgent needs of our community is a constant challenge. We are structurally limited at times at our present sites to get patients in for needed care in an efficient timeframe because of patient growth with our present limited surgical and procedural physical spaces.

The Webster expansion site with ten specialties will allow easier access and provide a unique opportunity for multiple specialists to collaborate and see the patient at the same time. Quick and efficient care is what the community demands. Advocate Health is looking at our needed expansion request to further support the common good in line with our core values of compassion, equality, and excellence in patient care.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Ambulatory Surgery Center – Chicago Webster Project Certificate of Need application, this will allow us to continue to innovate and provide excellent care and services to our local community.

Very truly yours,

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