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

Re: Advocate Ambulatory Surgery Center Project

I am writing to express my strong support for the Advocate Ambulatory Surgery Center – Chicago Webster Project for the application to the Certificate of Need Board by the Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation. This project is to be built at 1435-1471 W. Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois consists of 2 OR rooms, 2 GI endoscopy procedure rooms, and 15 Pre/post recovery rooms.

Centro Romero advocates for the elimination of all forms of disparities including healthcare experienced by Latinx immigrants and refugees. The mission of Centro Romero, founded in 1984, is to empower those with the fewest options in the immigrant and refugee community by developing and strengthening the family unit, fostering community leadership, and providing quality social and adjustment services. Last calendar year our staff of 59, with the help of 148 volunteers who provided 5,284 service hours, empowered 33,116 clients in three programs: immigration legal services, adult education, and family services. We regard Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center as an ally and partner to our mission.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of AIMMC as they seek to expand their healthcare services and advance their founding principle of being dedicated to changing patient expectations by giving them easy access to all they need to stay well, live well, and achieve outstanding treatment outcomes.

Please contact me should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

No Human Being Is Illegal.