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

Re: Advocate Ambulatory Surgery Center Project

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to you in support of the Advocate Ambulatory Surgery Center Project at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center (AIMMC) in Chicago.

As an independent primary care physician in the area, I have a choice of hospitals to work with and since 1996, I am proud to say I have trusted Advocate Illinois Masonic to care for my patients. This institution has grown and transformed the level of care it provides all of its patients and the local community by continually investing in the hospital's infrastructure. This project is another example of the hospital's intention to support the changing demographic and health care needs of the community, so more services can be offered in a timely manner, thus saving more lives in the process.

In my practice, I have witnessed the growing need for hospital surgical services, not only due to an aging patient population, but also due to the fact more patients are complying with colonoscopy screenings. This project would allow AIMMC to expand surgical services to our community while solidifying its relationship with independent physicians that depend on the hospital to provide services to our patients.

I fully support this project and urge you and the other Board members to approve it so our community can continue to obtain the benefits of a nationally recognized healthcare facility.

Respectfully,



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