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April 25, 2023

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support Letter for Advocate Ambulatory Surgery Center – Chicago Webster

Dear Chairwoman Debra Savage,

As 44th Ward Alderman, I am writing to ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate Health's Certificate of Need (CON) application for the new ambulatory surgery center on Webster Avenue in Chicago.

Currently, there are limited multi-specialty Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers in the area and there is a growing need for outpatient surgical settings. Given the population increase in the 44th Ward, this new surgical center would greatly benefit residents and their increasing need for care close to home.

With this investment, patients would benefit from being able to schedule outpatient surgeries and procedures in this new state-of-the-art building that would include two operating rooms, two gastroenterology procedural rooms and 15 recovery bays. With data showing the troubling rise in colorectal cancer among U.S. adults under 55, this new center will allow for additional access to colonoscopies. Additionally, this new surgical center will provide new jobs and stimulate economic growth.

I welcome Advocate Health Care's continued investment in important health care services in Chicago because not doing so would simply be a missed opportunity. I invite you to approve its Certificate of Need application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tunney
44th Ward Alderman