

May 19, 2023

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

Re: University of Chicago Medicine - Cancer Facility Project Letter of Support

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of Silver Cross Hospital and Health System, I write to you in support of the University of Chicago Medicine's (UCM) application for a proposed dedicated Cancer Facility as part of its Medical Center on Chicago's South Side. The proposed cancer facility will increase access to complex care for patients, offer convenient and compassionate care to neighborhoods where cancer is most prevalent, and bring a world class cancer facility to the city of Chicago.

Our hospital, whose mission is to improve the health of those we serve and advance wellness in our community, is located in New Lenox. A decade ago, we partnered with UCM to bring a comprehensive cancer center to the Will County community. The center has experienced tremendous growth and brought clinical trials from UCM to all residents.

We know that inequities in health outcomes related to cancer are largely a product of the social determinants of health, including access to cancer prevention and care. A new cancer facility in Hyde Park will provide Chicago residents and our suburban patients with healthcare resources that are accessible and cutting edge.

Building a world-class cancer facility in Chicagoland will bring technologically advanced care incorporating the newest therapies and treatment innovations to the region. As one of only two NCI designated cancer facilities in the state of Illinois, a cancer facility constructed by UCM stands to reimagine cancer care for the entire city of Chicago and its neighboring communities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I hope you will vote to approve UCM's application to build a cancer facility that will transform the lives of so many families in my community.

Thank you,



Ruth Colby
Silver Cross Hospital and Health System