

May 19, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Debra Savage:

On behalf of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO), I write to you in support of the University of Chicago Medicine's proposed cancer center on Chicago's South Side.

Our mission at the SGO is to prevent and treat gynecologic cancers with equity through advocacy, engagement, education, research, and collaboration. Together with our members, we are working toward a day when we have eradicated gynecologic cancers.

This work requires physicians and researchers to have the resources, space and partnerships needed to continue to advance medicine. It requires investments that ensure all patients get access to the screening, prevention, and treatments they need. And it requires us to give more patients more access to the leading-edge therapies and treatments being discovered every day.

The proposed cancer center at UChicago Medicine will help to fulfill all these goals. What's more, construction of a state-of-the-art cancer center on Chicago's South Side will further our shared commitment to health equity by bringing world-class cancer care to a community that needs it.

We are proud to support UChicago Medicine's vision to design a cancer facility that emphasizes the human aspect of health care and treats each patient as an individual. We strongly encourage you to approve UChicago Medicine's application and support stronger health outcomes for women of color from the South Side and beyond.

Sincerely,



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