

May 15, 2023

Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center's Dedicated
Cancer Facility

Dear Chairperson Savage:

As President of MJC Demolition, Inc., I am writing in support of the University of Chicago's effort to build a dedicated cancer facility. Our company has worked on many UCMC projects over the years and has seen firsthand the positive impact these developments have had on the community. For these reasons and the future of health care on the South Side, we are proud to support the University of Chicago Medical Center's ("UCMC" or "**Medical Center**") project to build a dedicated cancer facility on its Hyde Park Campus (the "**Project**").

Chicago's South Side needs more access to specialty healthcare, particularly for cancer, which disproportionately affects local residents. My family and many of my friends have been touched by cancer many times in recent years. Many of my family members and friends would have benefited from having a dedicated center where they live and work. In the aftermath of a cancer diagnosis, the Medical Center will be better able to support its residents and their families by providing a broad spectrum of cancer care services in one place and closer to home. We're especially excited about UCMC's goal to use the space to keep its community healthy and to broaden efforts for cancer prevention, wellness and screening.

With this Project, UCMC commits to making an approximately \$815 million investment on the South Side, one of the largest capital development projects in the area's history. We can attest to the fact that UCMC has always done an excellent job obtaining and recruiting more than a third of its contractors from certified MBE/DBE/WBE vendors. We know they strive for an even larger commitment for this Project. This kind of capital investment and job creation is a much needed and impactful opportunity for companies and communities such as ours.

With the Medical Center as our partner, we want to build our future and one important way is to approve the construction of a world-class, dedicated cancer facility for the betterment of our communities.

Sincerely,

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