



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:

I am the President of II In One Contractors Inc., an MBE contractor working in Chicago. We employ a very diverse union work force that includes Carpenters, Ironworkers, Laborers and Cement Masons. II In One Contractors, Inc. played a major role in the construction of the Center for Care and Discovery at the U of C. Our workforce contributed over 22,000 work hours for Laborers and 29,000 hours for Ironworkers in the construction of CCD.

A significant portion of our workforce live on the Southside of Chicago, as do I. Many members of our workforce and their families go to U of C for medical care. In recent years, my wife and I have been treated for cancer at U of C. Those treatments have included chemotherapy, stem cell transplant, CAR-T immunotherapy, and prostate surgery. The expertise of the doctors, the nurses, the techs, and even the administrative staff was remarkable. We came to appreciate that U of C truly is at the "forefront of medicine" as they purport. Their research allowed us to have the best and most advanced care. Their procedures and organization meant that our care was timely and well structured. Furthermore, their kindness and consideration was exemplary as we struggled through cancer treatment. My wife and I are grateful we were able to receive treatment at a hospital that is world class and is located in our own neighborhood. We are both currently in remission from the cancer. U of C continues to provide follow up care as my wife is still recovering from the cancer.

While U of C currently has excellent services, the existing services are dispersed across several buildings, requiring sick patients to navigate across those buildings to receive treatment. Also, as U of C expands its capabilities to incorporate new technologies that are becoming available for cancer treatment, more space is needed. The new facility would centralize treatment and afford an expansion of care and services, keeping U of C at the "forefront."

Chicago's South Side needs more robust access to specialty healthcare, particularly for cancer, which disproportionately affects local residents. In the unthinkable moments 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 under one roof. UCMC also wants to use

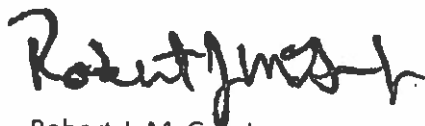
the space to keep our community healthy and to broaden efforts for cancer prevention, wellness, and screening.

With this project, U of C commits to making an approximately \$815 million investment on the South Side, one of the largest capital development projects in the area's history. UCMC has always done an excellent job obtaining and recruiting more than a third of its contractors from certified MBE/DBE/WBE certified vendors, and 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.

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 project to build a dedicated cancer facility on its Hyde Park Campus.

Very truly yours,



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