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

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

Dear Chairperson Savage:

As President and owner of Air Design Systems, WBE, I represent a commercial sheet metal ventilation company in the Chicagoland area. Our mission is to provide complete ventilation solutions for our customers. We do this by being innovative in our approach, providing quality sheet metal and duct systems, and to be safe in all aspects of our work. 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.

The south side of Chicago needs more robust access to specialty healthcare, particularly for cancer, which disproportionately affects local residents. In the unthinkable moments of a cancer diagnosis, the University of Chicago 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 and closer to home. It is our understanding that the University of Chicago Medical Center also wants to use the space to keep its community healthy and to broaden efforts for cancer prevention, wellness, and screening.

With this dedicated cancer facility, the University of Chicago Medical Center 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 of 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 much needed and provides an impactful opportunity for communities and companies such as ours, at Air Design Systems.

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.

Very truly yours,  


Patricia Hickey  
President

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