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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:

Canino Electric Co., a full-service electrical contractor, is certified as a Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) and has performed electrical installations and maintenance services across Chicago for the past 35 years. As such, we are proud to support the University of Chicago Medical Center's ("UCMC") project to build a dedicated cancer facility on its Hyde Park Campus (the "Project").

Chicago's South Side has a great need for specialty healthcare, especially with respect to cancer care. Persons experiencing cancer often require a myriad of services for their care. UCMC will be able to ease the burden on local residents and their families, who are disproportionately affected by the lack of cancer care on the South Side, by providing such services locally. A cancer center located in the Hyde Park area would also allow UCMC to keep residents healthy with preventative care and cancer screening thereby improving overall community wellness.

In addition to providing exceptional care to its patients, UCMC has a proven track record in hiring certified MBE/WBE/DBE contractors to construct and maintain its facilities, and we know they will seek to utilize even more MBE/WBE/DBE vendors for the Project. Their dedication to diversity has extended to those contractors hiring local community residents whenever possible and most assuredly will continue to be the case on the Project. UCMC's capital investment of over \$800 million to construct a cancer center in Chicago's South Side will not only be one of the largest capital development projects on the South Side but will have a positive impact on the community for years to come.

We encourage you to approve this project so that, together with UCMC, we can build a world-class cancer treatment facility dedicated to enhancing the lives of community members on the South Side of Chicago. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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