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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street Second Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

Dear Ms. Savage:

I am contacting you as Chief of Surgical Services at Advocate Christ Medical Center to acknowledge my support for the medical center campus medical/surgical bed expansion project.

As a long-standing member of the medical staff, there has always been challenges to our physicians and surgeons to get timely hospital bed access at Christ.

Predictable hospital bed access is crucial to provide care in a timely fashion and avoid unnecessary delays in critical medical and surgical interventions to our patients. The COVID-19 pandemic has unfortunately exacerbated this need for additional medical/surgical beds.

Advocate Christ Medical Center is the only tertiary/quaternary referral center and Level 1 trauma center in the region that admits and cares for the most critically ill patients. The medical/surgical bed expansion project will greatly help improve medical and surgical care access for the residents in the South Chicago land Area that depend on Advocate Christ Medical Center for their higher level of care.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate Christ Medical Center's medical/surgical bed expansion project. This bed expansion project will provide the long needed additional medical/surgical bed capacity to allow predictable and timely patient access that the community expects and deserves.

Sincerely,

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