



May 6, 2024

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

To the Review Board,

This letter is in full support of the Chicago South Side Birth Center's Certificate of Need. I am the founder and managing director of Little Wing Collective LLC and its philanthropic affiliate, Little Wing Fund. Little Wing is an economic, racial, and social justice initiative focused on supporting community-based, founder-led, impactful organizations. Over the last two years, Little Wing has followed closely and supported CSSBC and Jeanine Valrie Logan, founder of CSSBC, as she seeks to successfully launch the Black midwife-led birth center in one of Chicago's underserved communities. Jeanine is a true birth equity champion who already has established herself as a leader in her field as she addresses the massive inequities in Black maternal health in our communities.

The current state of provision of birthing services, particularly those available to non-Hispanic Black women, has resulted in poor health outcomes. Black women in Chicago have both the highest rates of severe maternal morbidity and pregnancy-associated mortality. It is crucial that we address this failure and the CSSBC will do just that through its freestanding maternal health center, providing a full range of maternity care utilizing a midwifery care model. Addressing disparities in health care in underserved communities is crucial to the health and well-being of the residents of the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago and CSSBC will provide much-needed community-based maternal health care.

We wholly support CSSBC as it provides the crucial care options to Black women and children on the Southside of Chicago. Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Very truly yours,



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