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

I am writing to you on behalf of Access Community Health Network (ACCESS) to acknowledge the support for the conversion project of 12 obstetric beds to 12 medical/surgical beds at Advocate Christ Medical Center. ACCESS is one of the nation's largest network of federally qualified health centers and has grown into a diverse network that serves nearly 165,000 patients each year across Chicago. Our primary focus is addressing the racial and ethnic disparities across the Chicagoland area with improving health equity in some of the most vulnerable communities.

Advocate Health has been a long-standing partner with ACCESS and plays an important part with serving our patients from an acute care perspective. With Advocate Christ Medical Center being the only tertiary/quaternary referral center and Level 1 trauma center in the South Chicagoland area, the medical/surgical conversion project will help to improve access for our patients and the surrounding communities.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facility and Services review board to approve Advocate Christ Medical Center's medical/surgical conversion project.

Sincerely,



Mahomed Ouedraogo
Chief Executive Officer