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ALDERMAN, 19TH WARD

October 28, 2024

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

RE: Project #24-028

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I am writing in support of the CON Application submitted by Advocate Christ Medical Center in order to expand much-needed beds in the Medical Surgical Unit by converting underutilized beds in other units.

Advocate Christ Medical Center is an essential safety net that provides vital services to the constituents of the 19th Ward. One of the busiest trauma centers in the Midwest, Advocate Christ has seen an increase in the large volume of patients it sees. To increase its capacity, Advocate Christ hopes to expand its available Medical/Surgical beds by transitioning 12 of its underutilized Obstetric beds. This change will provide the flexibility and capacity necessary to meet the evolving needs of their patient population while continuing to provide a high standard of care.

This work is essential to the wellbeing of the constituents that reside in my ward; therefore, I respectfully ask the Board to approve their application. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at (773) 238-8766 or mattoshea@the19thward.com.

Regards,

Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward