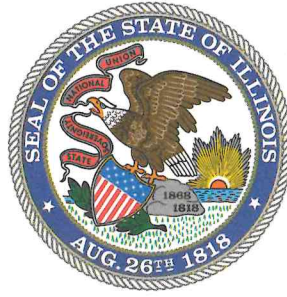


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October 24, 2024

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

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

As a member of the Illinois House, I am writing regarding an application for permit submitted by Advocate Christ Medical Center—an essential health care provider in my district that provides critical care to my constituents. With huge growth at the hospital, Christ has continued to need to find ways to accommodate the volume of patients coming through the doors and lessen the wait times in the Emergency Department.

To address the need for more capacity, Christ recently submitted an application (Project #24-028) to add 12 more Med/Surg beds by repurposing 12 OB beds currently going underutilized due to nationwide changes in birth rates. This change will allow the hospital to continue to flex to the needs of their patients, as an essential health care provider. I respectfully urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Christ's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Burke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

State Representative Kelly Burke
Illinois House of Representatives