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

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I am writing to express my support for Advocate Health's proposed replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity, which will be located in the 7th Ward on the South Side of Chicago. Funding from this program will help Advocate invest in an innovative and community-driven healthcare model, which represents a bold and necessary step towards addressing the longstanding health disparities in some of our most under served communities.

For decades, residents of the South Side of Chicago, particularly Black and Brown communities, have faced significant barriers to accessing quality healthcare. These barriers have contributed to alarming rates of preventable and treatable conditions that disproportionately affect these populations. Advocate Health's \$1 billion investment in a new, innovative, and community-driven healthcare model represents a bold and necessary step toward reversing these trends. This new hospital will play a critical role in expanding access to primary care, preventive services and specialty care for residents of the 7th Ward, as well as the surrounding areas. By providing high-quality healthcare, the replacement hospital will not only improve health outcomes but also strengthen the economic and social fabric of the community it serves.

As a U.S Senator representing Illinois, I am committed to ensuring quality healthcare is within reach for all within the state. Advocate Health has provided an extensive and detailed solution to an issue which faces many in the under served population and beyond. The construction of this replacement hospital is a critical investment in the health and future of the South Side of Chicago.

Please accept this letter of support for Advocate Health's proposed replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity on Chicago's South Side. In keeping with your existing rules and regulations, I urge you to give the application full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my Chicago Director, Stacy Berdejo at (312) 886-2525.

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