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January 30, 2025

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

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I proudly represent the 1st Congressional District of Illinois, and I am honored to support Advocate Health's proposed replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity. This historic \$1 billion investment, which includes the first hospital built de novo in 100 years, is a powerful testament to our community's commitment to health equity and economic opportunity.

Access to healthcare is a fundamental right, yet disparities in quality and availability have persisted for far too long on the South Side of Chicago. Advocate Health's plan to build a state-of-the-art hospital goes beyond addressing immediate medical needs—it represents a transformative approach to wellness that tackles the root causes of health inequities and prioritizes holistic care.

This project also brings hope and opportunity to our neighborhoods. By creating jobs and investing in underserved communities, Advocate is improving healthcare and advancing the fight for social and economic justice. Their commitment to addressing the social determinants of health—housing, nutrition, education, and economic opportunity—reflects a deep understanding of what it takes to build thriving, resilient communities.

I urge the approval of this essential initiative and express my heartfelt gratitude to Advocate Health for its unwavering dedication to Chicago's South Side. Together, we can create a lasting legacy of hope, healing, and opportunity for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Rep. Jonathan Jackson Member of Congress