SOUTH SIDE HEALTHY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

January 17, 2025

Debra Savage, Chairwoman Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Advocate Trinity Hospital's Proposed Replacement Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage,

As the CEO of the Southside Healthy Community Organization (SSHCO), I am writing to express support for the proposed construction of a modern, high-tech replacement community hospital to replace the current aging Advocate Trinity Hospital.

The SSHCO is a non-profit funded by state of Illinois health transformation dollars and dedicated to improving health outcomes on the South Side of Chicago. We support residents covered by Medicaid or who are uninsured. Advocate Trinity Hospital has been a strong and loyal partner, providing comprehensive healthcare services to our community for over 100 years. The replacement hospital will be designed to better serve all members of our community, including those who are most vulnerable.

We know all too well the critical need for enhanced healthcare services on the South Side. Advocate's major investment is a bold step toward creating a healthier future for our residents, strengthening our healthcare infrastructure and empowering our community. We are excited to collaborate with Advocate to maximize the impact of this transformative commitment.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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