



January 15, 2025

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

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

As the President of Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, I am excited to express our enthusiastic support for Advocate's groundbreaking \$1 billion investment in the South Side of Chicago. This initiative is a monumental step towards addressing the 30-year life expectancy gap between the South and North Sides, and it represents a profound commitment to the health and well-being of our South Side communities.

The introduction of 10 new Neighborhood Care locations within familiar and trusted spaces such as churches and community centers is particularly commendable. This innovative approach ensures that healthcare services are not only accessible but also deeply embedded in the daily lives of South Side residents. Advocate's substantial investment in programs to manage chronic diseases and address social determinants of health is crucial for tackling the unique challenges faced by our neighborhoods.

At Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, our mission is to revitalize neighborhoods and create jobs by developing high impact projects, providing financial resources to entrepreneurs and sustaining long-term community partnerships. The South Side of Chicago is rich in history, culture, and resilience, and Advocate's transformative project honors these strengths while addressing critical health disparities. We are eager to collaborate closely to enhance the health and wellness of our beloved South Side.

With heartfelt appreciation and optimism,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Doig', is written over a horizontal line.

David Doig
President
Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives