



January 24, 2025

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

Dear Members of the Review Board:

It is my honor to write on behalf of Chicago State University as we express our enthusiastic support for Advocate Trinity Hospital's proposed construction of a state-of-the-art replacement community hospital. This exciting project promises to bring essential healthcare programs tailored to the unique needs of the Southeast Side, and we couldn't be more excited about it.

Our community has long awaited enhanced healthcare services, and the proposed replacement hospital by Advocate Trinity is a monumental step forward. This new facility will introduce modern, high-tech medical technology and advanced treatments, ensuring that every individual in our community has access to high-quality top-tier care.

As an anchor institution on Chicago's South Side, Chicago State University has proudly served the community for over 150 years. Our campus, sprawling across 161 acres in the Roseland neighborhood, stands as the largest employer in the area and contributes \$1.6 billion to Illinois' economy annually. We are deeply committed to fostering educational opportunities, economic growth, and health initiatives that uplift our students and the wider community.

Advocate Trinity Hospital has been a steadfast partner, delivering comprehensive healthcare services to our community for over a century. The new hospital will be tailored to better serve all members of our community, especially those who are most vulnerable.

We are eager to support Advocate Trinity in this transformative endeavor to improve the health outcomes of our community. Thank you for considering this vital and exciting project. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zaldwaynaka Scott', written over a horizontal line.

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