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Chairperson Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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Dear Chairperson Savage & Members of the HFSRB—

I am writing to express my support for Advocate Health Care's application to build a new hospital on the former USX site. The project they have submitted to you represents a transformative moment for a community that has long faced significant health disparities, economic disinvestment, and environmental injustices.

As Cook County Board President, I have witnessed the challenges faced by South Side residents due to systemic inequities that have perpetuated poor health outcomes and reduced life expectancy. Advocate Health Care's plan to expand access to primary and specialty care, build a state-of-the-art, carbon-neutral hospital, and address social determinants of health marks a critical breakthrough in addressing these challenges.

This initiative is not only a commitment to health equity but also a powerful symbol of environmental justice. The proposed all-electric hospital, which will be LEED-certified and environmentally sustainable, will transform a site that has long been a symbol of neglect into a beacon of progress and opportunity.

The integration of health care, wellness, and sustainability into one cohesive plan will undoubtedly create lasting benefits for the community and serve as a model for addressing inequities. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this transformative proposal.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Board President