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January 24, 2025

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

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

As the Alderman of the 8th Ward, I am proud to support Advocate Health Care's groundbreaking \$1 billion investment in the South Side of Chicago, including the project recently submitted to you to authorize the build of their new state-of-the-art hospital. For far too long, our community, and the entire South Side, has lacked the infrastructure and resources that are essential to ensuring that all residents have access to quality health care. Advocate's commitment represents a significant step forward in our collective effort to build a future where health care is not only accessible but equitable and focused on the needs of the people who live here.

I am especially honored to have been part of the years of planning and collaboration that have led to this historic moment. Advocate Health Care's approach has been rooted in listening to the voices of the community and working together to address the pressing health challenges we face. This collaboration has resulted in an investment that will strengthen not only our health care system but our economy and our community.

I strongly encourage the approval of this project and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Harris
Alderman, 8th Ward