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Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed new replacement hospital on the Southeast side of Chicago. As the CEO of Chicago Family Health Center, I fully understand the impact this replacement hospital will have on the communities we serve when accessing adequate and high-quality care.

The Southeast side of Chicago is home to a diverse and growing population that has long faced significant healthcare disparities. The existing healthcare infrastructure is insufficient to meet the needs of our residents, many of whom are underserved and rely heavily on public health services. A new replacement hospital would not only address these gaps but also provide state-of-the-art medical care, improve health outcomes, and enhance the overall quality of life for our community.

The proposed hospital will bring numerous benefits, including:

1. **Improved Access to Care:** By providing a modern facility equipped with advanced medical technologies, the new hospital will ensure that residents have access to high-quality healthcare services close to home.
2. **Economic Growth:** The construction and operation of the hospital will create jobs and stimulate economic development in the area, contributing to the overall prosperity of the Southeast side.
3. **Community Health Initiatives:** The hospital will support preventive care and wellness programs, addressing chronic health issues and promoting healthier lifestyles among residents.
4. **Emergency Services:** Enhanced emergency care capabilities will ensure timely and effective responses to medical emergencies, potentially saving lives.

Chicago Family Health Center has been a long-term partner with Trinity Hospital and will continue to be committed to collaborating to provide comprehensive and coordinated care to our shared patients and extended community. We believe that this project is essential for the well-being of the Southeast side of Chicago and will have a lasting positive impact.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need for this vital project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherry Pace', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sherry Pace
Chief Executive Officer

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