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January 23, 2025

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

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I respectfully urge the Board to approve Advocate Trinity's application to build a replacement hospital on the South Side. Bridging Black maternal health is a priority for me and a focus of my work as Cook County Commissioner. The South Side currently faces a 30-year life expectancy gap as compared to the North Side of Chicago and these disparities extend to maternal health as well.

Advocate Health Care's investment in building a new hospital represents a significant step forward for South Side residents, affirming their right to quality healthcare. This initiative will play a crucial role in addressing the disparities in health outcomes within the region. Preventative care and meeting people where they are is essential to this effort, and Advocate Health is tackling this challenge head-on.

I am particularly excited to see a focused effort on addressing maternal health disparities. This investment is a testament to Advocate Health Care's commitment to improving health equity and access within our communities. The replacement hospital will serve as an anchor point for hospital and outpatient programs that promote wellbeing in the community, including increasing access to Black maternal and fetal health pre and postpartum. Through this investment, South Side residents will have support and assistance throughout their entire pregnancy journey. I applaud their dedication to make a positive impact in the lives of South Side residents and beyond.

I strongly urge the Board to approve Advocate Trinity's application to build this replacement hospital. The impact of this investment will be felt for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Donna Miller
Cook County Commissioner, 6th District

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