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January 20, 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 request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Advocate's application to build a replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity. I represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> District in Cook County, which spans from the Gold Coast neighborhood in Chicago to the South Side of Chicago. Within my District I see how Chicago has well-resourced and brimming communities with revenue and opportunity, while other communities receive little to no investments to successfully develop those communities. Unfortunately, Chicago is a tale of two or more unequal cities.

I am a life-long Southsider from Chicago, and this work is deeply personal and important to me. I serve as a Cook County Commissioner and serve as Vice Chair of the Board for Cook County Health to ensure people have access to high quality health care. I continue to witness the impact health disparities has on so many of the communities I serve.

Advocate Trinity's plans to build a replacement hospital will help foster the end of healthcare inequities in communities characterized by disinvestment for decades. Advocate Trinity's commitment will assist ensuring the fundamental right which each of us possess; the right to receive necessary healthcare. Healthcare is a fundamental right, not a privilege. Advocate Trinity's transformational investment will serve as the bridge to healthcare equity for residents of the South Side of Chicago and the Southland for generations to come.

Therefore, I implore you, please approve Advocate Trinity's application to build a new hospital on the South Side of Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Bill Lowry Cook County Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

CC: La'Mont R. Williams – Chief of Staff and General Counsel to Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry –  $3^{rd}$  District