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

Chairwoman Savage,

I have devoted my career to public service and am honored to represent the Second Congressional District of Illinois in the United States House of Representatives. Promoting economic opportunity, advancing community wellness, fostering workforce development, and addressing healthcare disparities are among my top priorities.

In my role serving on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, I sit on the Subcommittees on Health; Communications and Technology; and Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. My efforts on these subcommittees are centered on expanding access to healthcare and driving economic development to benefit the constituents I serve.

I am incredibly supportive of Advocate Health's substantial investment on the South Side of Chicago and their commitment to remaining a vital part of the community by constructing a replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity. This decision represents a significant step toward addressing the critical healthcare needs of the area.

My dedication to this work is driven by the pressing healthcare challenges facing many communities within my district. For far too long, Black and Brown communities on the South Side of Chicago have disproportionately suffered from preventable and treatable health conditions. This inequity is unacceptable. Advocate Health's historic investment in a new, resident-driven healthcare model stands to transform the quality of life for the entire region.

The inclusion of a new replacement hospital within Illinois' Second District will ensure greater access to primary care and preventive services, paving the way for improved health outcomes for generations to come. This replacement hospital is an essential part of this vision, and its approval will mark a transformative milestone for the residents of the South Side. I respectfully urge you to approve Advocate Trinity's application.

Sincerely,

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Robin L. Kelly Member of Congress