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Chicago, IL 60607

January 13, 2025

Debra Savage
Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Advocate Trinity Hospital's Proposed Replacement Hospital Project

Dear Ms. Savage,

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago respectfully submits this letter of support for Advocate Trinity Hospital's Certificate of Need proposal to build a replacement hospital on Chicago's Southeast Side.

Founded in 1858, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago stands as one of the largest charitable organizations in the region, committed to strengthening communities by fostering connections among people, unlocking potential, and helping individuals discover their purpose. At the heart of our mission lies an inclusive environment where all individuals can flourish and connect with one another.

As set out in detail in Advocate Trinity's Hospital's proposal, this new state-of-the-art replacement community hospital proposes to bring advanced treatments, and cutting-edge healthcare services to the Southeast Side, while also creating more access to care sites. Advocate Trinity Hospital's proposal further supports these outcomes by committing to hire 1,000 teammates from Southeast side communities, and expanding virtual chronic condition management support, enabling patients to manage their health conditions and avoid unnecessary visits to their primary care provider or to an emergency department.

The proposed replacement hospital is a necessary and timely initiative that will greatly enhance the quality of care available to Southeast side residents. We firmly believe this initiative will have a profound and positive impact on the lives of countless individuals.

We strongly support Advocate Trinity Hospital's proposal and encourage the approval of their Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dorri McWhorter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dorri McWhorter
Chief Executive Officer
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago