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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Debra Savage, Chairwoman
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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To the Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

As President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, I am proud to support Advocate Health Care's proposed replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity on Chicago's South Side. This initiative represents a unique and powerful convergence of economic development and health equity, two areas critical to the future of the Chicagoland region.

The Chamber has long advocated for projects that strengthen our economy while uplifting the communities that have been historically underserved. Advocate Health's \$1 billion investment is a clear example of such an initiative. By replacing Advocate Trinity with a new \$300 million state-of-the-art facility, this project will not only improve healthcare access but also create a ripple effect of economic opportunity across the South Side.

This replacement hospital will deliver much-needed access to comprehensive care for residents, many of whom have faced systemic barriers to healthcare for decades. At the same time, the project will create construction and healthcare jobs, attract additional investments, and help stabilize neighborhoods by anchoring economic growth in the area. Advocate's commitment to addressing social determinants of health further demonstrates its understanding of the complex relationship between health and community vitality.

For businesses in the Chicagoland area, healthier communities mean a stronger workforce and a brighter economic future. Advocate Health's initiative embodies the kind of forward-thinking investment that benefits the entire region, not just the immediate neighborhood it serves. It sets an example of how the private sector can lead in creating sustainable, equitable growth.

I strongly encourage the approval of Advocate Health's application. This project is an essential step toward a healthier, more prosperous South Side, and I commend Advocate Health for its vision and leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Lavin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack Lavin
President & CEO
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce