



# Family Christian Health Center

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

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

As the Chief Executive Officer of Family Christian Health Center, I am writing to express my strong support for Advocate Trinity Hospital's proposed new replacement hospital on the South Side of Chicago. This project is crucial for addressing the significant healthcare disparities faced by our community.

Local businesses are vital to the economic recovery and growth of the South Side. Small businesses in Chicago's inner-city neighborhoods provide nearly 70% of jobs, compared to 58% of jobs in the city overall. The construction and operation of the new Advocate Trinity replacement hospital will further stimulate economic growth. It is projected to create hundreds of construction jobs and, once operational, will provide numerous healthcare and administrative positions. This influx of jobs will contribute to reducing the unemployment rate on the South Side, which has historically been higher than the city average. The new hospital will not only provide essential healthcare services but also act as a catalyst for broader economic revitalization on the South Side.

Family Christian Health Center as a 501c3, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) is a valuable community partner, providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services to local residents. FCHC has been totally dedicated to our south suburban communities during their 22 year existence, serving more than 22,000+ patients. Family Christian Health Center's continued Mission is to "provide excellent healthcare to the community that communicates in word and deed the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ". FCHC is committed to supporting this new replacement hospital to provide comprehensive and coordinated care to our South Side residents.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need for this vital project. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the positive changes this new hospital will bring to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lisa Green, DO, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer  
Family Christian Health Center