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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Chairwoman Savage.

As Mayor of Hazel Crest and a longtime member of the Advocate Health Care family, I am proud to offer my full support for the proposed replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity on Chicago's South Side. Having spent years as a physical therapist assistant at Advocate Trinity and currently serving on the board of Advocate South Suburban & Trinity Hospital, I have seen firsthand the vital role that Advocate in providing high-quality care to the residents of the South Suburbs and beyond.

Having worked in healthcare for many years, I have seen firsthand the critical role that a comprehensive, state-of-the-art facilities can play in improving patient outcomes. The new hospital, part of Advocate Health's broader vision for healthcare transformation, will serve as a cornerstone for a holistic approach to wellness.

One of the most exciting aspects of this project is its potential to reshape the way we approach health in our communities. The new hospital will not only treat illness but will also provide a platform for comprehensive wellness programs that address social determinants of health, from nutrition and physical activity to mental health and preventative care. This emphasis on overall wellness is key to improving longevity and reducing chronic health conditions.

I strongly believe that this new hospital will not only improve healthcare access but will create a ripple effect throughout the region, enhancing the overall quality of life and supporting economic vitality for generations to come. Advocate Health's dedication to improving wellness and longevity through this project is a model for healthcare transformation, and I am proud to offer my support.

Thank you for your attention to this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Mayor Vernard L. Alsberry Jr.

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