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January 24, 2025

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

I represent the 26th District in the Illinois House which includes a number of South Side Chicago neighborhoods. I am a native of the South Side of Chicago and the stark reality of a 30-year life expectancy gap between the South Side and other parts of Chicago is a call to action we cannot ignore. It's also an opportunity to create lasting change.

Advocate's investment into building a new replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity is a courageous and necessary response, tackling disparities with expanded access to care, prevention programs, and innovative solutions that will save and change lives. These investments are critical to bridging the life expectancy gap and promoting healthier outcomes for residents of the South Side of Chicago.

Building a new hospital for Advocate is a core component of Advocate's investment on the South Side of Chicago. The hospital will serve as a hub for hospital and outpatient programs and services that increase access to health food, housing, transportation, and prescriptions- factors that increase the health and well-being of Southsiders. I am excited to support this investment and respectfully urge the Board to approve Advocate's application..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kam Buckner".

Kam Buckner
Illinois House of State Representatives
Assistant Majority Leader
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