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Debra Savage, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for Advocate Trinity's application to build a new hospital on the former site of the U.S. Steel South Works. As someone who has dedicated my civic career to improving the quality of life for South Side Chicago residents, I am deeply committed to initiatives that address our community's most pressing needs. Years of community involvement have led me to serve as Illinois State Representative for the 34th House District, which encompasses significant portions of the South Side. Residents in my district, like many across the South Side, face profound disparities in healthcare access, economic opportunities, and environmental equity.

After years of collaboration, advocacy, and active listening, we have reached this pivotal moment. Advocate Health Care's proposed investment reflects a profound commitment to our community by bridging gaps, enhancing infrastructure, and creating meaningful opportunities. This project represents more than a healthcare facility—it symbolizes a transformative step toward a brighter and healthier future for the South Side.

I respectfully urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Advocate Trinity's application to build this hospital.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you require additional information or wish to discuss this proposal further, please feel free to contact me at repsmith34@gmail.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. K. Smith".

Nicholas K. Smith
Illinois State Representative, District 34