



January 16, 2025

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 Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, I am deeply honored to express our heartfelt support for Advocate's monumental \$1 billion investment in the South Side of Chicago. This initiative is not just a financial commitment; it is a profound gesture of hope and healing for our community, aiming to bridge the 30-year life expectancy gap between the South and North Sides.

The creation of 10 new Neighborhood Care locations within familiar and trusted spaces such as our churches and community centers is particularly inspiring. This thoughtful approach ensures that healthcare is not only accessible but also woven into the fabric of our daily lives. Moreover, Advocate's dedication to investing in programs that manage chronic diseases and address social determinants of health resonates deeply with our mission to nurture holistic well-being.

At Trinity United Church of Christ, we have always believed in the power of community and the importance of caring for one another. Advocate's transformative project embodies these values, and we are excited to collaborate closely to enhance the health and wellness of our beloved South Side.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Rev. Dr. Otes Mors III

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III Senior Pastor Trinity United Church of Christ