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

Dear Chairperson Savage,

I am proud to offer my strong support for Advocate Health Care's historic project, which will work to improve health outcomes and equity on Chicago's South Side. We are on the precipice of a groundbreaking shift for the South Side. Advocate's investment will reshape health care with a model that prioritizes equity, community collaboration, and real solutions.

This initiative is rooted in a shared vision for a future where every resident has the support, resources, and care they need to truly thrive. By expanding access to primary and specialty care, addressing chronic health conditions, and constructing a state-of-the-art, carbon-neutral hospital, Advocate Health Care is addressing long-standing inequities while laying the groundwork for a healthier and stronger community.

Thank you for your consideration of this project, which represents a critical opportunity to transform health care delivery and ensure that every Southside resident has access to world-class care. Together, we can create a future of equity and resilience for generations to come.

Warmest Regards,

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