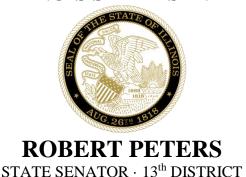
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Debra Savage, Chairperson Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Savage,

As the State Senator for the 13th District, my priority is the safety, wellness and freedom of all people. My district includes significant parts of the South Side and my work as State Senator has focused on environmental justice, racial justice, economic justice and public safety for all, but especially residents of the South Side who have been disparately impacted. The South Side has waited far too long for meaningful investment in our health care infrastructure, but Advocate Health Care's plans to build a new replacement hospital for Advocate Trinity marks a turning point.

Advocate's investment is a commitment to health equity on the South Side, to retain and recruit the best workforce, be a champion of environmental sustainability, integrate nature into healing spaces and foster strong connections with the community. Advocate is investing more than \$200 million in programs and services to expand their ongoing work to manage chronic diseases and address social factors that affect health, such as access to healthy food, housing, transportation and prescriptions.

Advocate's commitment to building a new hospital is more than bricks and mortar – it's a promise to address deep disparities in health care access, prioritize prevention and build pathways to wellness and opportunity for every resident. In addition to being such a large health care investment, the building's design is a leader in environmental sustainability. The new hospital building is LEED certified and carbon neutral and symbolizes progress towards environmental justice for the community.

I am proud to support this initiative and thank the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for their consideration.

Sincerely.

Robert Peters

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